

ANCESTRY AND DESCENDANTS
OF

JOHN FRENCH WHITE

and his wife

MARTHA COWLES WHITE

Including many old Mathews
and York County Family Names
also some from other areas

This book covers a period of
about three hundred years

A VIRGINIA GENEALOGY

by

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IN MEMORY
OF MY SISTER



ORA FRANCES (WHITE) GREEN

Whose keen interest in genealogy
and preservation of some family
papers and pictures helped to stir
my curiosity to the point of doing
research on various family lines.

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My sister, Ora, who loved to discuss these things, also deserves much credit. As a young girl she copied some Davis Family Records that probably would have been lost. These records have been very helpful in proving family connections. If only she could have been with us a few more years she would have enjoyed sharing the many things that I have learned about the families and recorded for future generations.

About 1960, Mr. Tyler White, formerly of Mathews County took me to the old "White Cemetary" in the Mobjack area of Mathews. The area was previously known as White's Neck. This led to meeting distant cousins in that area including Milton and Eugenia Murray who have a lot of information on our Mathews County forebears. Mr. Lewis Thomas of Norfolk, Virginia furnished valuable information on several lines, including Captain Davenport.

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JOHN FRENCH AND MARTHA COWLES WHITE

INTRODUCTION

The author is aware that it is against the rules of good writing to make too much use of the first person but since my main purpose for compiling this information is to relate certain things that may be of interest to the reader and since so many things relate to personal experiences and acquaintances it would be very hard not to use the first person at times. I, therefore, beg indulgence of such usage.

(Origin of Family Names)

Prior to the Norman Invasion of England, in the year 1066, most people were known only by their given names. When there were several in a community with the same name they had to be identified either by their occupation, some place nearby or perhaps by some personal feature or description. In the first case you may have had John, the Baker, which would later evolve to John Baker. In the second case there may have been a John that resided near a stream of water. An ancient name for a stream of water was a "Sike", so that John may have been known as John Sike or Sikes.

The family name of White is said to have been derived from "Hwita", an ancient English Baptismal name of Saxon Origin. The word originally indicated a person of light or fair complexion. It could also have been used to denote color of hair, such as "Whitehead", however very few lived long enough in those days to get White Hair from old age. In England the name later evolved to Wyte, which may have been influenced by Wiht, a middle english word meaning brave. It has been stated that the names Wythe and Wight (as in Isle of Wight) are variations of White and that Wynne or Winn are Welsh variations.

Most of those bearing the surname White at the time of migrations to America resided in the Southwest Section of England. They came from Gloucestershire and Warwickshire (shire being another word for county), thereby influencing names of areas in the new land.

Origin of the surname Davis is not known, however one writer suggested that it is of Welsh origin and that the names, Dawson, Dawes and others are derivations of Davis. Many by the name of Davis came to the shores of America during the early years of migration.

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PRELIMINARY REMARKS

John French White was born May 23, 1834 in that part of York County that is now the City of Poquoson. His parents, John Arthur and Martha Washington (James) White, had moved from Mathews County to York County in 1830 and purchased property from a Mr. Mears.

Excerpts from the deed are as follows: "This indenture made this 3rd day of February in the year of our Lord, 1830, between William Mears and Mary his wife of the County of York, of the other part, for and in consideration of Four Hundred and Fifty Dollars, lawful money of Virginia - for two parcels of land, one containing Forty Three and One Half Acres and the other Seventeen and Three Quarter Acres." No boundary descriptions are given but it states that this is the same property that Mears obtained from Catherine Mears; Gilbert Mears and his wife, Sarah E. Mears, by deed bearing date of 12 January 1825. The deed was witnessed by Hinde Holloway, Lewis Thomas and Daniel Carmines and recorded April 19, 1830 in York County Deed Book 11, pages 179 and 180.

Mr. Joseph Topping, who until recently resided on a portion of the Old White Homestead, stated that he had heard it said that John A. White came into Cedar Creek in his boat during a bad storm to seek shelter and found the property, which was for sale.

Martha Cowles Davis was born in Mathews County and came to the Fish Neck Area of York County, now known as the Dare Community, when her parents, Edward Davis, Jr. and Amelia Frances (Hudgins) Davis moved to the "Tabb Plantation" on Chismans Creek which Mr. Davis had purchased. They moved over in January 1846, Martha was the youngest of six girls, ranging in age from six to eighteen.

It seems obvious that the Davis and White families would have been acquainted in Mathews County, in fact my cousin, Lucy Mae Acree, now deceased, who was very keen on family history, stated that she had been told that John F. White and Martha C. Davis, who were married November 30, 1858, were cousins (possibly third).

At this point we will leave them until later in this book and dwell on their ancestry.

Commencing with Part I, Chapter 1, an effort has been made to guide the reader through the years and the generations hoping that they may feel that they are there, back in time, sharing the joys and the sorrows of those people that made it possible for us, their descendants, to be here enjoying the fruits of their labors.

Part I - Chapter 1

Possible Ancestry of John French White

John C. Hotten's - "Original List of Persons of Quality," 1600 - 1700, lists the names of about 85 males bearing the name of White that sailed from England during those years, mostly between the years 1635-1656. A few of them came to Maryland but the majority came directly to Virginia. There were many with the given names of John and William which seem to be the leading names of our known ancestors. Hotten lists two Michael Whites coming to Virginia in 1650. The will of one Michael is recorded in York County. Another Michael, spelled Michael, is shown as a "headright" for William Morgan in his land patent in Gloucester in 1650. This land was facing Mobjack Bay on the North Side of Pepper Creek. Gloucester was a part of York County until 1651 at which time it became a county.

Grants of land were given to an individual on the basis of fifty acres for himself and fifty additional acres for each person that he brought to the Colonies. This incentive was given to encourage population growth which was needed for economic reasons and for protection from the Indians. The people that were brought over were known as "headrights" and some of them served as indentured servants for a specified period of time. Some of them stayed in the area but a large number of them moved on to new locations. It has been stated that many families in the United States descended from the early settlers of Gloucester County.

Our known ancestors were in Gloucester and Mathews Counties but it is very possible that they were in other areas prior to moving there. The Eastern Shore of Virginia, Isle of Wight County and York County were settled much earlier than Gloucester. Due to the Indian Population and the fact that they were not friendly, delayed much settlement in Gloucester until about 1650.

The earliest recorded land grant to a White was in 1642, showing 200 acres owned jointly by John Richardson and James White and was situated on the Northernmost Branch of the Severn River. A John White was granted 100 acres in 1653 at the head of the Upright Creek of the Easternmost River in Mobjack Bay; beginning at William Armistead's line. Peter White was granted 350 acres in 1679 near the Piankatank River and a William White patented 125 acres in 1757 near Hatters Creek; adjoining lands of John White and Richard White.

There appears to have been early family ties both in York and Gloucester between the families of Bartlett and White, due to similarity of names. Neither of the Michael White's mentioned in paragraph 1 above, are proven ancestors but the name was used as a given name in the Bartlett family and Bartlett was used as a given name in the White family.

The following entries are from Landon Bell's "Register of Charles Parish." This Parish included what is at present the areas of Seaford, Grafton, The Dare Community, Tabb and West to the York-Warwick County Line, (Newport News, Va). Charles Parish was one of the Parishes of York County, Virginia.

WHITE, Alexander, son of John White by Frances Bartlett,
BARTLETT, Michael, son of Michael by Mary, (b) May 10, 1662.
BARTLETT, Diana, daughter of Michael by Mary, (b) July 18, 1657.
BARTLETT, Michael son of Michael by Frances, (b) June 26, 1684.
BARTLETT, Michael, son of John by Elinor, (b) Sep. 13, 1674.
BARTLETT, Alexander, son of Alexander by Catherine, (b)
Nov. 21, 1720.

It is interesting to note that the name Alexander has been a given name in the White Family to the present day.

Page 69, "Colonial Gloucester" by Mason shows Gillion White's Land as a boundary of Major Lawrence Smith's Land Patent of 1691 in the Parish of Abingdon. It seems very possible, due to the fact that the old writing is hard to decipher that he was one and the same as the Chilion White, shown in the 1704-05 Gloucester Rent Rolls for Abingdon Parish. This indicated that he owned property in Abingdon Parish. (Chilion is a biblical name, found in the Book of Ruth.) No others by the name of White are listed in either of the other three parishes for those years.

It appears to this writer, after much research into the records that our line of Whites were in Abingdon Parish prior to moving to the adjoining Kingston Parish, which later became Mathews County, Va. This I cannot prove but dates of births, land records and other things tend to back my theory, such as the following entries from the "Abingdon Parish Records," as compiled by Robert Robins who descended from the Gloucester County Family of Whites.

Children of Chilion and Ann White:

ABSALOM, baptised December 26, 1686.
CHILION, born October 6, 1689.
RICHARD, baptised September 4, 1698.
JOHN, born April 6, 1701.
HANNAH, born April 10, 1704.
WILLIAM, baptised May 21, 1709.

Another family relationship seems to have existed between the Chilion White family and the Absalom Family as listed in the Abingdon Parish Register. Note the similarity of names in the Absalom Family.

ABSALOM, Chilion, son of John Absalom, baptised March 21, 1907-8.

ABSALOM, John, son of John and Mary Absalom, baptised April 2, 1704.

ABSALOM, William and James, twin sons of John and Mary Absalom, baptised March 17, 1705/6.

As mentioned previously, a plat on record in Mathews County shows that a William White patented land in Kingston Parish in 1757, adjoining lands of John White and Richard White. The grant reads as follows: Jan. 7, 1757, 125 acres - Escheat Land, formerly owned by Henry Preston, beginning on the W. side of Hatters Creek and adjoining John White and Richard White- Jno. Robinson, escheater, for 2 pounds of tobacco per acre. The plat also indicates that a Mrs. White owned adjoining property. She may have been mother of the John, Richard and William. This plat of land is located in the area of Kingston Parish known as "Whites Neck". The general area later became known as "Mobjack".

It is not known just how many generations of the White Family resided there, at the place which was known as "Whitehaven" then or that name may have been added later when purchased by another "White".

A direct lineage from the earliest White's in White's Neck cannot be proved, but Milton Murray of Mathews County who did extensive research on the family states that the William White from whom we descend, moved from White's Neck to the Newpoint Area of Mathews Co. when he married Elizabeth Bartlett, whose forbear, John Bartlett patented 50 acres of land upon Mobjack Bay, on the N. side of Pepper Creek. This information was passed down through the family to Milton. Bartlett's patent was in 1682 and was part of a tract granted to William Morgan in 1650.

The fact that bothers this writer is if the William that patented the land was brother to John & Richard and son of Chilion and Ann, he would have been 41 when his first child was born, since records show that he was born in 1709, and would have been 67 when his youngest child was born. It is possible that Elizabeth could have been much younger as was usually the case in those days, (that is, the wife being younger than her husband). It may have been that this William was a grandson of Chilion and Ann. They had a son named Absalom, born December 26, 1686. In this case there would have been room for another generation. There were several by the name of Absalom White in later generations of the family.

Commencing with the next chapter, the lineage of, or descendants of (1) William and Elizabeth are outlined, with emphasis on their son (2) John White, the grandfather of John French White.

PART I - Chapter 2

PROVEN ANCESTRY (White Lineage)

We know from both family and Kingston Parish Records that we descend from (1) William and Elizabeth White. Combined records from both show that they had the following children:

WILLIAM (b) Dec. 22, 1750, died 1806-07, (m) Dorothy Davis.

EDWARD (b) 1751, married Pamela Singleton.

JAMES, married Mary White in 1778.

MARY WHITE (b) 1755 believed to have married Edward Davis, Sr.

who was grandfather of Martha C. Davis, wife of John F. White.

(2) John White, (b) Feb. 27, 1758, (d) June 12, 1834.

Elizabeth (Betsy) White (b) 1760, married Thomas White.

Sarah (Sally) White (b) 1763, died in infancy.

Nancy (Nannie), married Mark Thomas.

NOTE: The K.P. Register shows date of birth of (2) John as Feb. 27, 1758, which is probably correct but his application for pension in 1832 shows his date of birth as March 1756. His tombstone inscription states that he was 77 years of age when he died in 1834. This confusion could have been caused by the fact that the calendar was changed in 1752, dropping eleven days, to conform as near as possible to the solar system. Several years went by before people recognized the new calendar and this may have accounted for the difference between the February and March dates. The six or eight could have been mis-read in the old records. Prior to this change in the calendar, March 25th was the first day of the year..

The death dates of William and Elizabeth aren't recorded but the Kingston Parish Tax Lists indicate that William White, Sr., owned 125 acres of land in 1791 in Mathews Co. Executors Bond Book #47, Pg 12, by date of October 10, 1796, lists Edward White, William White and Christopher Brown as executors of his estate.

Our ancestor (2) John White, enlisted when very young (in 1776), as a member of the Gloucester Militia. He served until the end of the war, having attained the rate of sergeant.

Their standing encampment was at "Hubbard's Old Fields". He was in several engagements on the Gloucester Side of the York River, the last being near the close to hostilities, when aided by the French Forces they drove the British back to Gloucestertown. Little is known of John's activities until the records show that he and Elizabeth Davenport were married March 26, 1791. She was younger than John, and was born in Norfolk, Virginia, November 27, 1771.

She was the daughter of Capt. William Davenport and his wife, Mary (Hunley) Davenport, who were married in Old St. Paul's Church in Norfolk, Virginia on March 1, 1770.

Elizabeth was the only child of William and Mary (Hunley) Davenport and it is interesting to realize that had she not been born or if she had died as a child, hundreds of people, deceased and living would not have breathed the breath of life. A story passed down through the generations is that Elizabeth (Betsy), then about age 10, danced on the table after a banquet, attended by dignitaries and high ranking officers, celebrating the defeat of Cornwallis at Yorktown.

Captain William Davenport, served in the Revolution as a Captain of Virginia Troops. He was present at the Battle of Greatbridge and present at the burning of Norfolk, by Lord Dunmore in January 1776. He continued to serve until the end of the war. He had to keep moving his family from place to place for safety. After the war he was granted 4000 acres of land in the territory of Kentucky for his services. He later sold the acreage in 1784.

At some point after the war he was appointed by the Government to negotiate a treaty with the Chickasaw Indians in Georgia but his party was attacked by Creek Indians and he was killed. The following account appeared in the Augusta, Georgia "Gazette" - "On the 5th day of July 1787 a party of Creek Indians killed Captain William Davenport, Agent for the Government in Georgia, wounded three Chickasaws that were with him and took a white companion prisoner. The people are drawing together in large stations and doing everything necessary for their defense." This incident was also written up in Ramsey's "Annals of Tennessee", page 393.

John and Elizabeth raised their family of ten children on Pepper Creek on the North Bank of the East River. Five of their children were married at the old home, including our ancestor, (3) John A. White.

The following is a list of their children:

(3) John Arthur White - See next chapter.

Bennett (1796-1848), married Mary Lewis, a widow, (1786-1858). He was known as "Captain Bennett." They had one daughter, Mary Ann Frances, who married Alpheus White and they had seven children.

Keturah (Kitty), (1799-1895), who married Captain John Kirwin. They had a daughter, Hester, who married Thomas Woodhouse. She married 2nd John Owens and they had six sons.

Mary Hunley White (1803-1837), who married William Thomas. They had two sons. Mary married 2nd Absalom White. They had no children.

Edward James White, a seaman, and believed to have been killed by pirates. He died unmarried.

Elizabeth White (1805-1888), who married Lewis Thomas. They had five children:

James Bartlett White (1810-1896), married Martha Diggs Davis, (1818-1896). They had seven children.

Frances Ann (1813-1900), married Richard Wesley Foster (1814-1875).

Sarah James White (1816-1891), married Captain Robert K. Hudgins (1812-1903). They had eight children.

William Davenport White (1818-1891), married Frances Hunley. They had no children.

More information is available if desired by a reader, but only the direct ancestry of (4) John French White is dwelt on from this point.

In the early 1830's Bartlett White, son of (2) John, purchased the previously mentioned White Family Property in White's Neck, known as "Whitehaven".

He purchased the land in three parcels, the first parcel from Mr. Richard Foster, who took over the land from a Mrs. Harriet Miller Hudgins for an unpaid grocery bill of about \$400.00. Another parcel, known as the long row cut, from a Mr. Dudley White who may have been a descendant of the original White's that resided there in the 1750's. Another parcel had belonged to his father-in-law, Diggs Davis.

Bartlett brought his father, (2) John White and his wife Elizabeth to reside with them at "Whitehaven and the old homestead at Pepper Creek was vacated.

John applied for and received a pension, commencing in 1832, for his service during the Revolutionary War, which he received until his death two years later. After his death, the widow, Elizabeth, was granted the pension, which she received until her death in 1845. The pension he received was \$53.33 per year. Both are interred in the old "Whitehaven" cemetery. This writer first visited the old cemetery about 1960 and took pictures. At that time descendants of Bartlett White still resided there and the cemetery was well maintained. The current owners, Mr. & Mrs. Ralph Champney, have made an effort to preserve the cemetery but on a recent visit I was surprised to see the difference in the sharpness of letters on the stones, possibly due to acid rains.

Our ancestor (3) John Arthur White, was born in Mathews County Nov 17, 1794. He married Martha W. James, February 9, 1822. She was born March 8, 1800 in Mathews County, Va. Martha came from a notable family. She was a daughter of Thomas James and Betty Davis, the daughter of Thomas and Hillegan (Degge) Davis, born September 13, 1763. Thomas James served as Clerk of Kingston Parish in 1783/84 and again in 179

A brother of Martha Washington (James) White, Cyrus B. James also moved to York County and was a licensed, local Methodist Deacon. He was instrumental in building three Methodist churches in York County, Tabernacle, Zion and Providence. See appendix for additional information on this family.

(3) John Arthur White served in some capacity during the War of 1812. It is believed that he was a member of the Virginia Militia and that he may have taken part in the Battle of Hampton. The name of one of the Militia Officers, Miles King, may have influenced the naming of one of his sons, Miles King White.

As mentioned under "Preliminary Remarks" (3) John A. and Martha W. White moved from Mathews County to York County in 1830 and purchased land from a Mr. Mears. This land was previously owned by a "Kirby" family and was known as "Football Quarter". Football, as we know it, was unknown at that time, so the source of the name is of interest. The dwelling was one and a half story and of solid brick construction with a chimney on each end and was located in what is now the Odd Road Area of the City of Poquoson, next door to the present residence of Mr. Thomas Chandler. The building was demolished early in this century and the bricks used to build up a roadway.

(3) John A. White, known as Jack White, was a farmer and served for a while as County Constable. According to tradition he kept whiskey on hand by the keg and passed it out freely to quench the thirst of his slaves.

The first child of John A. and Martha W. White was Arthur Bennett White, who according to memoirs of John F. White, was born in Portsmouth, Va. It has been stated that John A. White worked at the old Gosport Navy Yard for awhile. (Presently known as the Norfolk Naval Shipyard.) Arthur's name is recorded in the K.P. Register as follows:
Arthur Bennett White, (b) January 10, 1823

A span of seven years elapsed before the birth of the next child. It is possible that one or more children may have died in infancy but there is no mention of it in the family bible.

The next child born was Miles King White, born August 18, 1830 and died on September 15, 1846, at the age of sixteen. He was buried at the homestead in Poquoson but his body was taken up within a short period of time and moved to the old Whitehaven Cemetery in Mathews County. Two reasons have been given for this move, the first is that due to the low land the family worried that an extremely high tide may disturb the grave and secondly, that Mrs. White grieved so much and wouldn't stay away from the grave that Mr. White removed the body at night and transported it to Mathews for re-burial.

The other children were as follows:

(4) John French White (b) May 23, 1834, (m) Martha C. Davis.
William Henry Wise White (b) Oct. 14, 1836, (m) Elizabeth Freeman.
Elizabeth Cowles White (b) Apr. 25, 1839, (m) 1st J. Sidney
Freeman, who was killed in the battle of Sharpsburg. She (m)
2nd William B. Cox.

Augusta Davenport White (b) Oct. 27, 1840 (m) Josiah W. Freeman,
who died young and she (m) 2nd Josiah F. Topping.

Susan Frances White (b) Feb. 26, 1843 (m) William C. Hunt and
after his death, later (m) Daniel M. Carmines.

(3) John A. White died May 4, 1848 and Martha W. White died on
August 16, 1849. They are interred in the old "Whitehaven Cemetary"
in Mathews next to the grave of their son, Miles King White.

An interesting footnote: My son, James E. White, gr. gr. grand-
son of John A. White was born May 4, 1948, one hundred years from the
date of death of John A. White.

The 1850 census for York County lists the following occupants of
the Old White Homestead:

Arthur B. White, Age 25, John F. White, age 16, Wise H. White,
age 14 and Franklin Roberts, age 13. Franklin was a son of
Harriet, sister of Martha W. James who married Rooksby Roberts.
Franklin's parents died prior to 1841 and he lived with his
Uncle Jack and Martha W. White. Franklin died young.

Arthur B. White son of (3) John Arthur White, received permission
from the court of York County to sell a "Land Bounty Warrant" which
was granted to his father for his services in the War of 1812 and to
use the proceeds for the welfare of the children listed above.

Arthur B. White married Mary Ann Davis of the "Fishneck Community".
She was a daughter of Edward and Amelia F. (Hudgins) Davis of which
more information is given in the next chapter. He built a new home
on the property, which is the present, remodeled home of Herman and
Donna Nordstrum on Chisman's Creek. When the War Between the States
started he enlisted, leaving behind his wife and three small children,
Arthur B., Jr., Eudora and Mary. Eudora was the only one to marry
and have descendants. She married R. B. Moreland and they had four
children. Arthur B. White, Sr. was killed at the battle of Sharps-
burg Sep. 17, 1862.

Prior to having entered the service of the Confederacy Arthur B.
White, Sr. was very active in the work of Providence Church, having
served as the first Sunday School Superintendant.

NOTE: "Thomas James Ancestry and Descendants," 1653-1961, by Mrs.
Elizabeth Ironmonger, printed in 1961. gives information and lists
descendants of John A. White and his wife Martha W. (James) White,
through 1961.



Tombstone of John White,
Whitehaven Cemetary,
Mathews County, Va.



Tombstone of Elizabeth,
Davenport White, White-
haven Cemetary, Mathews Co.



Tombstone of Mary Hunley
Davenport Davis, Whitehaven
Cemetary, Mathews Co., Va.



Tombstone of Miles King
White, Whitehaven Cemetary,
Mathews County, Virginia



Tombstone of John A. White,
Whitehaven Cemetary,
Mathews County, Va.



Tombstone of Martha Washington
James White, Whitehaven Ceme-
tary, Mathews County, Va.



Painting of the old "Kirby Dwelling"
as remembered by Vincent Watkins, prior
to being demolished early this century,
Home purchased by John A. White, in 1830.

PART II - Chapter 1 Ancestry of Martha Cowles Davis

As with the family name of White, many by the name of Davis came to the Colonies. "Mason's Records of Colonial Gloucester" show that (2) John Davis received a grant of 750 acres in 1664, near the Mattaponi River. Edward Davis received a grant of 400 acres in 1693, in Kingston Parish and another in 1700. Both of these grants were originally issued to a John Corbett in 1684 and deserted. These grants to Edward were in the general area that our Davis Ancestors are known to have resided. It is a good possibility that we descend from him but to this writers knowledge it hasn't been proven.

Our known Davis Ancestry begins with (1) Edward Davis, apparently born in the Kingston Parish Area in 1738. This birth date was recently made available to me by a distant relative, Mrs. Gayle Weiss, who sent me a copy of a pension application made by Mary Hunley Davenport, widow of Captain William Davenport, who later married Edward Davis, Sr. Another pension application that was available, only gave his date of death which was in 1819.

This writer believes that (1) Edward Davis, Sr. had a brother named James whose wife's name was Alice and that he had a sister named Susanna who married John Gayle. Each of the three, Edward, James and Susanna had a daughter named Leah which indicates a close family relationship. Leah could have been their mother's name. Issac Davis who married Ann Gayle may have also been a brother to them.

Re: Kingston Parish Register for above information

(1) Edward Davis, born in 1738, married Mary White, who is believed to have been the Mary White, born July 21, 1755, daughter of William and Elizabeth White and brother to (1) John White. Edward was much older than Mary. Their children, as recorded in the K.P. Register, are listed below:

John (b) Dec. 7, 1781 - A seafaring captain who was engaged to be married to a Miss Smith, sister of Sans Smith, on his return from a trip to the West Indies. This wedding never took place as he was lost at sea. The ship nor none of her crew were ever heard from.

Leah	(b) Jan. 12, 1784 (m) William Thomas
Edward	(b) Jan. 29, 1786 - apparently died in infancy
James	(b) Jan. 28, 1788
Frances	(b) Aug. 29, 1790 - (m) Barzilla Kirwan
(2) Edward	(b) Apr. 16, 1793 (Our Ancestor)

Another K. P. entry shows Daniel Davis, son of Edward and Mary, born June 11, 1795 but he must have been the son of another Edward and Mary Davis since family records written by Elizabeth Davis, clearly state that Edward was the youngest child, however, a Daniel Davis was one of the administrators of the estate of (1) Edward Davis. (1) Edward Davis, Sr. married Mary (Hunley) Davenport, widow of Captain William Davenport, March 2, 1797.

Our ancestor, (2) Edward Davis (m) Amelia Frances Hudgins, on Jan. 15, 1824. She was the daughter of Jesse Hudgins and his wife, Mary Diggs Hudgins, a daughter of John Hudgins and Amelia (Foster) Hudgins.

See Foster - Hudgins lines in appendix

Page 1053 of "Virginia Biography" in the College of William & Mary describes Jesse Hudgins as a soldier of the War of 1812, a wealthy planter and slave owner. He was born May 26, 1775 and died in Mathews County in Aug. 1858. He was an expert cabinet maker and specimens of his handiwork are still owned by his descendants. He distilled peach and apple brandy from fruit grown on his plantation. He was a Democrat in politics and was a member of the Methodist Episcopal church. He and his wife, Mary, were the parents of eight children, namely:

Amelia Frances Hudgins (b) Aug. 11, 1802 (d) Sep. 19, 1869

(m) Edward Davis

Sarah Foster (b) Aug. 16, 1804 (m) John L. Hudgins

Rosanna Foster Hudgins (b) Oct. 29, 1809

William D. Hudgins (b) May 29, 1810 (d) 1825

John P. Hudgins (b) May 28, 1813 (d) 1826

Lucina Foster Hudgins (b) Oct. 17, 1815 (d) Dec. 16, 1897

(m) Thomas D. Hudgins

Jesse Hudgins (b) Jan. 23, 1818 (d) 1825

Humphrey Hudgins (b) Oct. 31, 1820 (d) 1898 (m) Nancy Thomas

Edward and Amelia resided in her father's home in Mathews, which is a fine home and still standing.

Amelia's sister and brother-in-law, Lucina and Thomas D. Hudgins, resided at Ship's Point, near the mouth of Chisman's Creek and they sent word to Edward that a large farm in the Fish Neck Community was for sale. Edward came over and thought it a good buy since it had considerable timber on it. The property extended from Chisman's Creek, through the Providence Church area to what is now Lakeside Drive.

The owner, Mr. William Tabb wished to sell so that he could move to Yorktown where his children could have the services of a teacher by the name of Miss Abbie Jenks who had recently come to the area from Brooklyn, N. Y. Mr. Tabb must have been a shrewd salesman since he talked Mr. Davis into putting up a non refundable and sizeable deposit.

The deed is recorded in York Co. D,B, 14, page 193, William and Mary Tabb to Edward Davis, 207 acres, bounded on the West by a Mr. Bloodworth and William Martin and East by lands of Richard Tennis, Cost: \$2,000.00.

When Mr. Davis went home and told his family what he had done, they were very disturbed and didn't want to leave their home in Mathews County but the family records indicate that they loaded their possessions on a boat and moved over in January 1846, bringing with them their 6 daughters, ranging in age from 6 to about 18.

Sometime during 1846 Mr. Davis pointed out a small piece of land on the farm to a friend and stated that it would be a good place to build a church building for the Methodist in the community to worship. The Davis family had come from a strong Methodist background in Mathews and the nearest Methodist Church at that time was Zion Church across the creek in the Crab Neck Area. After his death the widow gave the land and a building was completed before the end of 1849, which served the community until 1883 at which time a new, larger building was erected.

During the Civil War the Davis Home was used as a hospital and Mrs. Amelia Davis and the older daughters tended the sick and/or wounded of both Confederates and Northern Soldiers. Five crosses are in place in the Providence Church Cemetery and I was told by someone many years ago that one of them was a Northern Soldier. I have no proof of it however. The fact that they may have cared for Northern Soldiers may have saved Providence Church from destruction as was the case with some others that were used as stables.

Note the letter from Major Keyes - Headquarters 4th Corps. Yorktown, VA, Nov. 5, 1862. "No person belonging to this command shall under any pretext, destroy or disfigure in any way the church known as Providence Church, in Fish Neck, in the County of York, or remove any property belonging to the same".

E. D. Keyes, Major Line,
Commanding, 4th Corp.

It is known that one of the boys was from a Georgia Unit and that Elizabeth Virginia Davis liked him but he died and she never married.

The following paper, written by Elizabeth Virginia Davis and copied from an old notebook by my sister, Ora, when a young girl, tells of their trials and tribulations.

BRIEF SKETCH ON THE LIFE OF MISS ELIZABETH V. DAVIS (Copied from an old scrap book)

The subject of this sketch, E. V. Davis was born in Mathews Co. VA, April 7, 1831. She was the third daughter of Edward and Amelia Davis (nee Hudgins) Edward was born in Mathews of Edward and Mary Davis (nee White). April 6, 1793. As Edward was the youngest child he inherited his fathers old homestead and took his bride there to live, where she learned much from his step mother concerning her experience during the revolutionary war, especially while her husband was at old Jamestown, as he was Major Davenport.

She visited him there and came very near falling in the hands of the British. They wished to capture him as he was a brave and daring officer.

Edward Davis courtship with Miss Amelia F. Hudgins lasted several years as he had a rival, who Miss Amelia seemed to fancy, but her father (Jesse Hudgins) preferred Edward, as his father owned more property than the rival.

There were many sea faring men in Mathews who used to trade to West India Islands. John Davis, oldest brother of Edward, was a sea captain. Returning from his last voyage he was to marry Miss Smith, sister of Sans Smith. Some days after he sailed there was a furious storm, he never returned to his loved ones again, neither was the vessel or crew heard from again. It is supposed all went to the bottom in the briney deep. John Davis was dearly loved by his kindred. His sister and brothers who had children each had a John. Edward's first born was a boy; he named him John but he lived only a few months. The second child, Mary, named for her grandmother; the third Sarah Frances, for her aunts; fourth, Elizabeth Virginia for the virgin queen.

A new vessel had been built whose master died before she was launched, then she was for sale. Edward talked of buying this vessel but his wife didn't seem to favor the idea. She knew he was the youngest when his mother died and left him the pet of the family, not used to hardships or hard work. Anyway, Edward decided to buy the vessel. The day she was launched she stopped on the way, which seemed to be ominous. She was fitted up and commenced trading with the West India Islands to Baltimore with B. Kirwan as Captain. It was pleasing to get so much nice fruit, sugar, molasses, etc., for the family to use. With negroes to work the farm and the mistress an industrious, good manager, plenty abounded. The name of the new vessel was Mary Frances.

One summer day the Mary F. weighed anchor and started to sea. After she had been gone three or four days a severe storm arose. The morning had become very calm. The men got their hooks and lines and fished for cod fish from the boat. In the afternoon when the storm arose, a war vessel ran into the Mary F. Capt. Kirwan and another man were thrown overboard and given up for lost but after awhile the Capt. was seen. A hook and line was overboard, the hook had caught in the Capt's clothes and by that means he got back on board the ship, but he had been under the vessel so long that one of his eyes was knocked out and a leg broken between the knee and hip so that it had to be amputated. He wore a wooden leg the rest of his life. The vessel was so badly wrecked and cost so much for repair that it was necessary for Mr. Davis to sell a valuable young negro man to pay expenses. This he hated to do because he loved his servants. When Bill found that he had to be sold he said, "Master, I hope that it is for nothing that I have done." His answer was "No, Bill, but you will bring more than any of the rest and I have to raise money to pay the repair expenses on the vessel."

Rosanna Winburn was the fourth daughter; Lucy Rebecca was the fifth; Martha Cowles was the sixth girl born. When she was a few weeks old she was sick and they feared she would die. Had she died then how much trouble and affliction would she have been relieved of.

Mr Davis had a trustworthy house servant named Polly, she married a respectable servant of a neighbor (Mr. Caristead) a bright little son was born to Polly that she named William. She already had one daughter named Ann and later gave birth to another named Hester. Polly became sick and lingered on. It seemed as if the doctors couldn't cure her. The negroes said she was poisoned. Big Lucy, it was said, poisoned her as she wanted Polly's husband for her daughter. As Edward Davis owned four Lucy's, to distinguish them, they were called Old Lucy, Big Lucy, Young Lucy and Little Lucy. Polly continued to grow worse until she died, Hester died in a short time; in all, four of his negroes died.

Edward Davis was a good natured man and was often imposed on by people asking of him so many favors which he hated to refuse, it was sometimes carried to great extremes, such as borrowing a horse and riding him to death then losing the case and having to pay the cost of the debt.

One day the hostler was bringing a fine horse to water that belonged to Mr. Davis, he said, "I wouldn't take one hundred dollars of any man's money for that horse." Soon after a severe thunder storm arose and lightning killed that valuable horse. In that day \$100.00 was considered a big price for a horse.

Mr. Nelson of Yorktown had employed a competent teacher from Buffalo, N.Y., Miss Abbie Jenks. Mr. Tabb wanted to move to Yorktown in order that his children might have the privilege of being taught by Miss Jenks. Therefore, Mr. Tabb put his farm up for sale. Thomas Hudgins who married Lucy, sister to Amelia Davis, had moved to York County. He knew of this farm for sale by Mr. Tabb, so he informed Mr. Davis in Mathews of the good farm with a fortune in lumber on it. Mr. Davis made a trip over to look at the farm. He was undecided about buying a farm since he had inherited a farm in Mathews from his father's estate. After Mr. Davis looked at the farm he was very pleased with it and he intended to go home and talk it over with family and friends before closing on the deal. Mr. Tabb insisted on closing the bargain and said if either one failed to comply, a forfeit of so much money was to be paid. When Mr. Davis went home and told his people that he had bought a farm in York, they were greatly distressed and thought it best that he pay the forfeit. Never-the-less Mr. Davis kept his bargain with Mr. Tabb concerning the sale of the farm.

In Jan. 1846 a vessel was chartered and loaded with furniture and the belongings of Mr. Davis. When the family arrived they found the dwelling house to be an old colonial house with dormer windows. Mrs. Tabb had left the house floors scoured clean then cleaned and rubbed with a mop until they had a gloss on them. The kitchen and other outhouses were built of logs, so different from what they had left, as their houses in Mathews were comfortable framed houses. There they had a house enclosed in a separate yard for manufacturing cotton, wool and flax. Flax wheels, spinning wheels, cotton cards, wool cards, cotton gin, warping bars, loom and harness were kept in that house. They had not been living in York long before Hannah, an excellent cook, caught violent cold from living in a log house and died.

While walking around his farm one day, Mr. Davis noticed a high point which he thought would be a suitable place for a church. There was none of his denomination for his family to attend and he also thought it would make a good burying ground.

On the second day of March Mrs. Davis was taken sick. Ralph, a faithful servant, crossed the creek to go to Mr. Chapman's to see if he could get a nurse for her in confinement. While there, the tide arose to such a depth that he couldn't get his boat. Someone else started in a gig for a doctor but a tree had blown across the road. The snow was fast falling and it proved to be that memorable March gust of 1846. Dr. R. H. Power who was then a young practicing physician in the neighborhood was sent for and in due time he came in a sleigh as the snow was so deep. The babe was born and to the delight of the parents was a fine, well developed boy. They named him John Edward for his father and beloved uncle who was lost at sea.

There was an old prediction that if much rain falls in June, there would be much sickness. This saying proved to be true in 1846, as it was an unusually wet June. Rev. B. F. Woodward was the itinerant preacher of York this year and had a sweeping revival at Zion Church. Elizabeth Virginia (Lizzie) professed religion at that meeting. She was then fifteen years old and had been a healthy child, was well grown and full of fun and glee. There was a large orchard of fruit and Lizzie loved fruit and didn't fail to eat of it plentifully. She was one of the first stricken ill. Dr. R. H. Power attended her but she grew worse. Dr. Carbin of Warwick was sent for. Billious dysentery had so weakened her that it seemed there was no possible chance of her recovery. Weeks and months passed on and she was still ill. One day it was thought she was fast sinking. It seemed that glory was shining on her countenance and she seemed to have a glimpse of her heavenly home to which she would have gladly gone, but not so, because her life work was not done.

Her once vigorous form was now so emaciated that she was almost as helpless as an infant. Had she been the only one in the family sick it would have been bad enough but so many others were sick with malaria. Mr. Davis said that when his family got well enough to move, he would take them back to live at his old home in Mathews. There they had such good health that he would rather sacrifice the place where they had so much sickness than keep his family there. Shortly afterward he was taken sick and soon died. Rev. B. F. Woodward preached his funeral. The boat was at the shore to take his body back to Mathews to place in the old family burying ground but a storm arose which lasted until it was not prudent to keep him out of the ground longer. They buried him on the farm thinking that when the family moved back they would take him up and carry him then. The baby was troublesome as his mother was so ill he had to be raised by hand and he was also ill, as well as many others of the family. The doctor thought it would be such a blessing if the child could die. The mother continued ill so long and Martha Cowles got into a dropsical state. The doctor prescribed outdoor air and thought a ride out may help. One days ride did them more harm than many rides did them good, as they tried to shun a big pond of water the gig wheel ran over a big log which caused the gig to fall in the pond of water, wetting both mother and child, crippling the mother in her hip and causing her to take a violent cold that it was thought she had consumption.

One day the chimney caught on fire and such large blazes came out of the chimney that it was feared the house would catch fire. Mrs. Davis was so excited that she got out of her bed without help, to look out to see the fire. She had to be helped back to her bed as she had been unable to walk before. However, after all the excitement, the house didn't burn. After several years Mrs. Davis was restored to her usual health.

The first one married in the family was Sarah Francis to Capt. Alex Weston, a good man, and earnest christian, a strong pillar in Providence Church. The second to marry was Mary Ann, to Arthur B. White, a pious and earnest christian, a strong pillar in Providence church also. The third to marry was Rosanna Winburn to Rev. George W. Trimyer, an itinerant preacher in the Va. Conference. The fourth to marry was Lucy Rebecca to Capt. Allen Acree, a prosperous boatsman. The fifth to marry was Martha Cowles to John F. White, a pious and earnest christian who seemed to be in favor with both colored and white people. The sixth to marry was John Edward (who grew to be a sweet spirited young man) to Miss Maggie Crockett, the daughter of Capt. John Tyler Crockett.

A very interesting fact, pointed out in Virginia's writings, is that Mr. Davis had promised his unhappy family that they would move back to Mathews but fate stepped in and he died after being in the community less than a year. Even after he died they placed his body in a boat to take to the old Davis Cemetary in Mathews and again fate interceded. Before they could leave, a very bad hurricane came up and lasted several days. During this time it became prudent to inter his body, so they buried him on the farm. His bones were re-interred and moved to Providence Church Cemetary where Elizabeth Virginia was also buried in the church cemetary at her death in 1900.

On reading an article about hurricanes several years ago, I learned that this severe hurricane in September 1846 is the same one that carved out Oregon Inlet and re-adjusted the shape of Hatteras on the North Carolina Coast.

After the death of Mr. Davis and the fact that he was buried on the farm, Mrs. Amelia Davis changed her mind about moving. The family remained in York causing quite an impact on the population of not only the local communitiy but on surrounding communities. All of the children except Elizabeth Virginia married and had children.

THE CHILDREN OF EDWARD AND AMELIA (HUDGINS) DAVIS WERE:

Ref: 1. (from family bible records)

Ref: 2. (tombstones at Providence Methodist Church)

John	(b) October 22, 1824 (d) April 6, 1825
Mary Ann	(b) July 28, 1826 (d) Oct. 6, 1912 (m) Arthur B. White, Sr.
Sarah Frances	(b) July 23, 1828 (d) July 20, 1859 (m) Captain Alex Weston
Elizabeth Virginia	(b) Apr. 7, 1831 (d) Mar. 15, 1900 Didn't marry
Rosanna Winbourne	(b) August 5, 1833 (d) Apr. 10, 1859 (m) Rev. George Trimyer
Lucy Rebecca	(b) Dec. 9, 1838 (d) Mar 10, 1914 (m) Captain Allen Acree
* Martha Cowles	(b) May 7, 1840 (d) Oct. 24, 1917 (m) John French White (4)
** John Edward	(b) March 2, 1846 (d) Feb. 15, 1921 (m) Maggie Crockett

Descendants of Edward and Amelia Davis are still active in the work of Providence United Methodist Church in the Dare Community and several descendants have served as ministers in the Virginia Conference.

* It is believed that Martha's middle name (Cowles) was a baptismal name in honor of Rev. H. B. Cowles who held revivals in Mathews County during the period that she was born. Others in the county received that name, including my grandfather's sister, Mary Elizabeth Cowles White. I have not been able to tie "Cowles" in as a family name.

** It is of interest to note that John had a daughter named Claris and another named Grace. These names were Davis family names in Abingdon Parish in the early 1790's.

PART III CHAPTER I

THE UNION OF JOHN F. AND MARTHA C. (DAVIS) WHITE

As stated in an earlier chapter, John French White and Martha C. Davis were married on November 30, 1858 by the brides brother-in-law, Rev. George Trimyer. John was 24 years old and Martha was 18 at that time. The story was told that a rejected suitor and his friend sat out in a boat in the creek, near the home, during the ceremony.

Mrs. Amelia Davis gave them a servant couple, known as Uncle Jack and Aunt Sally Borum. Amelia Davis's father, Jesse Hudgins, married a widow Borum some years after his wife died. When she died, a suit was involved as to the ownership of property including slaves. Apparently Mr. Hudgins won the suit. The Borums had owned slaves who apparently took the name of their master. Some black Borums still live in this area, and I did a brief family tree for them a while back. Uncle Jack Borum and his wife lived in a home of their own which was located near the head of a cove just East of the present home of William F. & Virginia R. White off Chisman's Creek.

(4) John French White and his wife Martha, purchased a dwelling across the creek on the Crab Neck side on July 21, 1859. This was a small 1 1/2 story dwelling previously owned by Mr. Thomas Davis who now has many descendants in the area. He was half brother to Catherine Davis who married Peter B. Smith, whose descendants included Calvin Green who married my oldest sister, Ora F. White, and Elizabeth Dawson who was married to my brother, David D. White, Jr.

My Aunt Mary Hall stated that she knew of no relationship between Thomas Davis and our forbear, Edward Davis, down the creek, but I have a copy of a Mathews County Land Plat showing that their properties were adjacent to each other.

About this time the possibility of conflict between the states was becoming very possible and Mr. Kemp Charles, Sr., administrator of the Estate of Thomas Davis, wouldn't take grandpa's money since he was afraid that if the South won, the money wouldn't be any good. It was not until 1876 that he finally received a clear title to the farm. A tax receipt in possession of this writer shows that John. F. White paid \$1.43 tax on 55 acres of land that he owned in 1871. This land was located on part of his father's tract in Poquoson which he sold to Mr. Marcellus Topping.

(4) John F. White entered the service of the Confederacy early in the War. He and his brother Arthur and others from the area were a part of the "Lee Guards" which was a part of the 32nd. Regiment of Virginia Volunteers which was a part of Corsey's Brigade, Picketts Division, Longstreet's Corps, Army of Northern Virginia. His brother, Arthur, who previously held officers rank in the local Militia, was First Sergeant of the Company of which E. B. Montague was Colonel.

He had many experiences during the war but the saddest of all was after the Battle of Sharpsburg (also known as Antetiam) was to have to bury his brother, Arthur and a Brother-in-law, Sydney Freeman. His company had 40% casualties in dead and wounded. After an all nights March from Harper's Ferry they entered the field of battle only to immediately face a hail of fire from troops behind a stone wall. Men were falling so fast that the Commanding Officer gave the order to charge, which they did and chased the Northern Defenders about a mile back. Their company flag which was carried by Bob Forrest from Poquoson was shot through 17 times and one shot cut the flag-staff in two. John F. White missed serious injury or death by about two inches since a bullet passed through his pack which was between his right arm and his side.

There are several letters in existence and in one, Grandpa wrote home asking if it were possible for Martha to bring him some necessities and a pair of boots. I suppose the transportation must have been by horse and wagon and she must have had friends along the way to spend nights with but she managed to do the job. She hid the boots under her hoop skirt and went through the enemy lines unmolested.

Grandma had many other interesting experiences during the war. Her only companions were their young daughter, Orah Sue and Aunt Sallie, previously mentioned. During the early years of the war, Northern Forces were camped all over the farm and a doctor occupied a part of the dwelling. All of the Chestnut Rails that encircled the farm were burned for fire wood but the family was not harmed. Grandma sewed a few gold coins that she had in her underclothing.

Soldiers came to the well to get water and on one occasion she approached an officer and asked what she could do to prevent the troops from damaging their property, to which he replied, "Madam, I suggest that you see Jefferson Davis."

After the War, (4) John F. White came home to face the desolation and hard times. He earned a livelihood by farming and working with his boat in the local waters.

After he came back from the war or possibly before, John French White became obsessed with religion and became very involved in the Methodist Episcopal church. He was licensed to preach in 1866 and ordained by Bishop Wightman in 1870. He was at no time an itinerate minister in the Virginia Conference but a local preacher. At that time the churches of Tabernacle in Poquoson, Zion in Crab Neck (Seaford) and Providence in Fish Neck (Dare Community) were on the same Charge. He was an active member of Providence in his own community but served on many boards serving the entire charge.

A small notebook was found several years ago listing baptisms, marriages and funerals performed by John F. White, commencing in 1890, with a note at the top of the first page stating that this was book #2 and that the previous book had a list of 105 baptisms, 77 marriages and 112 funerals. Unfortunately the old book #1 cannot be located. Book #2, covering the years from 1890 through about 1912 lists 99 additional baptisms; 123 additional marriages and 134 additional funerals. The minister of the churches that was on the York Circuit complained during the early 1890's because grandpa was taking care of too many of the marriages, funerals, etc. that should have been his duties. Apparently a lot of the people preferred grandpa and requested him to perform the rituals.

To add a bit of humor, the story goes that after marrying one couple the groom asked how much he owed, to which grandpa responded that the law allowed him fifty cents, meaning that he could legally charge fifty cents, to which the young man stated, "Here is another fifty cents which will make your total One Dollar."

A copy of the notebook #2 has been placed in both the York County Library in Grafton, VA and the City of Poquoson Library for any that may wish to review the names listed therein. Vincent Watkins's "Marriages of York County, Va." has a listing of all the marriages that Rev. White performed.

About 1878 John F. leased out the farm and operated a store in the Crab Neck Area on property which is now owned by members of the Lawson Family just about 100 yards West of the first Cheadle Loop entrance. The family lived in the store building and it was here that the two youngest children were born, Rosanna Davenport and David Duncan, my father. Martha was past 40 years of age when he was born. He apparently had saved some money by the time that he moved back to the farm, prior to 1884, at which time he built a two story addition to the old home. He also built an 18 X 20 store on the premises and a copy of license issued to him in 1895 shows that he was licensed to sell items other than alcoholic beverages, which should not have bothered him since he was a staunch fighter against saloons and drinking. He once ran for the State Senate on the Prohibition Party Ticket.

Excerpts from an old diary kept by Martha Cowles White, shows that all of her days were not trouble free. Rena and Lanie were daughters of the previously mentioned "Borum" family. Both were mutes but could communicate through sign language, however Lanie could make sounds that could be understood by those associated with her. They worked for Grandma at times.

"Sep. 24, 1885, John was called off about 15 miles to attend to a funeral. Rena didn't come to iron as her child was dying. Laney came to let me know that she wanted me to go to see the child and brought fox grapes to sell. Thinking necessity compelled her, I bought them although I had plenty of them on the vines. I was expecting Rev. & Mrs. Morris next day as preaching was at Zion. The house had to be put in order, fowl to be cleaned, pastry to be made, ironing to be done and store to be attended to and the grapes to be preserved. Saturday is always a busy day, when Rena comes to iron and help clean up and Johnny is usually here to attend to the store and John here to do his part, but neither of them were here. I had fire in the stove and put the irons on to heat while I put Mattie to cooking and Laney to cleaning fowl. I ironed after cleaning the house and put the grapes on the stove to cook and did not wish to stop to eat until I got all of these matters straight. I thought that I would give the children cold victuals when hungry; set out some food for Lany. Then Bill Callis came and said that he was hungry as his wife was sick and had not cooked. I also gave him dinner but did not stop to eat. Directly Bob Dawson came and sat in the passage where I was ironing. Customers were waiting for me to go in the store. It was a very warm day and I had on an old thin Calico dress. I looked out and saw a top carriage coming and knew it was someone that I would have to see. I asked Mr. Dawson to greet them while I changed my dress. I came down and found that Rev. & Mrs. Morris had come the day before I expected them. The children were in a plight as I had so much to do and they had been neglected, but they came and stood before the strange lady where she could take a good view. I felt and wished that by a stroke I could banish them to another room.

Finally I told the children to set the table as I had to go to the store, then D.D. took his place at the table and being hungry and sleepy commenced crying and not wanting him to cry so long as he had been afflicted with rupture, I left Ernie in charge of the store, got the child back to sleep and put him to bed. Finally John came and we went to supper, then D.D. awoke and cried and I had to take him. I did not get him out of my lap until 7:00 o'clock. While I was trying to quiet him, Jethro got sleepy and came for me to put a fresh poultice on his rising knee. I commenced to fix it but aroused the sick child in my lap. I told him to go out and tell Moll to put it on for him but to take off his pants first. He soon came back with nothing on but his shirt and a ragged straw hat hanging in his eyes. Rev. & Mrs. Morris left the next day. I was too tired to read. I have had many days of confusion but this I think exceeded all."

The old country store had ceased operations by about 1905 and it was used as a barn with a partition down the middle separating corn and hay. Hundreds of ears of corn were shelled through the old corn sheller, attached to a large wooden box. About 20 years ago this writer, while developing property, had the building moved to its present location on my premises and made some repairs, including new flooring and siding. Counters and fixtures from old closed out country stores were placed in the building and other country store items and miscellaneous artifacts gave it the desired effect of rolling back the years to again appear to be a country store, including a pot belly stove and checkerboard. Many people have been through it since it has been renovated.

Martha Cowles (Davis) White was a pious Christian all of her life. Shown below is an article that she wrote about her life and printed in the "Norfolk Monitor" by her son, John Edward White, who as a young man wrote articles for the paper under the pen name, Rivanna.

The Experiences of an Aged Pilgrim
September 9, 1915

(The following is the experience of an aged saint told for the Advocate in her own words. - Editor.)

In early life I had a perfect horror of death, and thought if I only knew that I would live to be sixty nothing would trouble me, as I thought I would be ready to die then. I wished to fear God and keep His Commandments. I lived in the days of slavery, when insurrections were talked of and so much dreaded. I was a very fearful and timid child, but kept my thoughts and fears to myself. I was afraid of ghosts; felt sometimes while coming down stairs that they were right after me and I could hardly get down fast enough. I would have a very peculiar dream at night - it seemed I had so much responsibility and care that there was no time for me to rest, but had to keep on going until nearly exhausted, but still feared death and the grave.

I greatly desired to make an open profession of religion, but feared being criticised. When fourteen years of age, I heard an able sermon, preached by Rev. Thomas Hayes, on "Pay Thy Vows." I had vowed frequently, was an earnest listener, and decided that I would pay my vows, as I had made many. I attended a protracted meeting and went to the altar; the evil spirit seemed to say, You have no sins to be forgiven; you are a good child. But I remembered that we were sinners by nature, and I greatly desired to have the evidence of my acceptance. I joined the Church but never felt like rejoicing like some people did in that day; but I earnestly tried to live a consistent Christian life.

When sixteen years old I entered Mrs. Southgate's school in Norfolk. Some of the girls went to the theatre. I had a great desire to go, but told no one; thought it was contrary to the church. I have never yet attended a theatrical performance and am now glad of it, as I had so much romance in my nature, and know not what might have been the consequence. I also had a great desire to dance, but would not from a sense of honor and my relation to the Church.

Now in my later days I am so glad that I held firm in these things, knowing that the good Book says; "He that ruleth his spirit is better than he that taketh a city."

I was married at eighteen years of age; had been married two years when the war between the States broke out. My husband joined the Southern army and remained with them until the war closed, and all who went through that war know what it meant. While we were suffering the horrors of the war, surrounded by the enemy, our faith was strong in the God of Hosts. We believed that He would deliver us, but after it ended as it did, and we were suffering the terrible consequences of the war during Reconstruction days, I became skeptical; the more skeptical, the more miserable I became. As our adversities would increase, I felt like saying, "If this is the way He has to show His love for me, I would rather He would not love me so much." But then I would be reminded of the Scripture, which says, "Commit thy ways unto the Lord, and He will direct thy paths." I thought that I had rather not have "Him" to direct my paths in such a way. I seemed to forget that in all my ways I should acknowledge Him. I wanted prosperity in all things, wanted to be able to make large donations instead of cup of cold water gifts.

I was tired of life before I was the half of sixty years old. I had begun to realize the dream of my life. It was while grieving over the lifeless form of my first-born that He seemed to say, "Peace, be still." I thought the hardest lesson of life was to submit to fate. I have thought when passing through great tribulations that I would have to give up, but then I thought of that good old pilgrim lady's experience who said, "When the wind blew so hard, and the waves were so high, she would throw out her anchor of faith, hope and prayer until the storm subsided, then would take courage and press onward."

My experience has been varied and full. When I think of what I have been through, I wonder why I have been spared to live on borrowed time. I have often thought if there was nothing beyond this life, but few would live out the allotted time. But as I am living on borrowed time I am trying to cultivate a spirit of resignation to

God's will, believing that in His wisdom He will do justice to all. He knows that prosperity and wealth was not best for me. Had I have had the wealth and prosperity I wished for, I might not have had the sympathy for the poor and unfortunate, and charity and pity for the erring one as I now have.

We should pray without ceasing, and in everything give thanks. There is so much to be thankful for. When I have heard of men selling their character for money, have often thought when so much in need of money, what would I sell my interest in Christ for - a million dollars? No! not for the whole world. What would the world be worth to the soul through eternity?

This way-worn traveler is still trying to struggle up the mountain, though in great feebleness. I thank God for the past, trust Him for the future, and commit my all to Him for time and eternity - and hope to be able when passing through the pearly gates to shout a loud Hosanna - "Deliverance has come!"

Mrs. J. F. White

An Aged Pilgrim's Experiences

I feel that I want to add a little more to "the experience of an aged pilgrim" which appeared in the September 9th paper.

I sometimes feel that ingratitude has been the sin of my life. We should all feel more thankful and appreciative than we do of the many blessings, privileges, and advantages that we have, and should enjoy the present as much as possible.

We have heard people say they had nothing to be thankful for, but just stop and think of what a blessing it is to have the right use of your limbs and to be able to walk, to have food, raiment, fuel and so many other blessings too numerous to mention, but some may think these are but natural consequences, and all have a right to them - but the greatest of all blessings is the gift of a Redeemer to open up the way from earth to heaven for all who will accept the terms of salvation. I once heard a lady say, "If I could see my dear friends again and the beauties of nature I think I would never stop rejoicing." Probably when she enjoyed the blessing of sight she did not appreciate it as she ought. I have also heard persons say - after being paralyzed - "You don't know what a blessing it is to walk." So it is with us, we don't know how to appreciate present blessings until we are deprived of them. We lost our property by war, people who owed us money went into bankruptcy; we had many adverse circumstances to contend with.

Since I have been living on borrowed time I have so often asked the question, What am I spared for? It seems that my life-work is done; my children are all married and gone. Something seemed to say: "That you may let other way-worn travelers know what you have experienced" that they may take courage and press on. I am now trying to cultivate a spirit of resignation and submission to the Divine will, and as long as I can have my dear faithful companion with me, who is a devoted, earnest Christian, whose delight is to serve our God, I shall feel happy to know that God has dealt so mercifully with me - much that I considered trouble proved to be blessings in disguise.

We should cultivate a spirit of gratitude for the past as well as the present.

Mrs. J. F. White

Martha died October 24, 1917. She had suffered with "Bright's Disease. All who witnessed her death remarked about the brightness of her countenance in her last moments and that she spoke of hearing beautiful music and of seeing her dear departed loved ones.

In his latter years John F. White insisted on giving his grandchildren and some other relatives his middle name "French" and to this day it hasn't been identified as a family name (prior to John having been given the name himself). But John French Topping, a nephew and several other nieces, nephews, etc. were given the name. Three of his grandchildren were given the name also, namely John French White, Rose French Hogge and Mabel French Handy.

Shortly after the turn of the century while spending some time with his two daughters in the Hilton Village Area of Newport News, he helped to organize a church at Morrison Station as it was then known. His son, Rev. John Edward, who was serving on the Henrico Charge of the Virginia Conference at the time assisted him in this endeavor and traveled down by train on occasion. This church was the forerunner of the present "Morrison Methodist Church".

Morrison United Methodist Church has pictures on display of both John French White and his son John Edward White and this writer has assisted the church in setting up their basic history from family records on hand.

John F. White's report to the District Conference, July 18, 1916, stated that owing to the weight of his eighty three years of age, he felt that his life's work for the Kingdom was well nigh done and that he was waiting for the call to cross the river to the Canaan side. He requested that members of the conference remember him in their prayers.

The following memoirs were dictated by John French White, in his old age, to his son David Duncan White.

REMINISCENCES OF THE WAR

My brother, Arthur B. White and myself were members of the "Lee Guards", a company composed of men from York and Elizabeth City Counties. John Segar of Hampton was Captain, and brother Arthur was first sargeant, the company belonged to the thirty-second regiment, Va. Volunteers, of which E. B. Montague was colonel, William Willis Lieutenant Col. and Baker P. Lee, Major, the last two named were from Hampton, at least Maj. Lee was living in Hampton when he died.

Perhaps I should say that the 32nd regiment was made up of men from Williamsburg to Hampton. There were two Companies from Hampton, the Wythe rifles, and Hampton Grays. Then the York Rangers from York County, Lee Guards from Elizabeth City, and York County, the Warwick Bureguards from Warwick, the Nelson Guards from Yorktown and vicinity and Junior Guards from Williamsburg. This regiment was in Corseys brigade, Pickets division and Longstreets Corp. Darius Moreland, of the York Rangers, was the first man killed in our regiment at the great battle of Sharpsburg; in this battle we won the battle ground, and next day buried our dead, but I will take the items in order as they appear. The first is engagements fought in. The first were the battles around Richmond in 1862, such as Savages Station and Malvern Hill. I had a comrade killed at my side. The next was the great and bloody battle of Sharpsburg, where about forty per cent of our regiment were killed or wounded. I lost in that engagement, a brother, Arthur Bennet White, and a brother-in-law, John Sydney Freeman, and had a bullet to pass through my folded blanket, had I been a few inches to the right it would have gone through my body, or a few inches to the left, would have struck my arm. After that was the second battle of Fredericksburg, when after two days fighting, we drove Gen. Burnside back across the Rappahannock river, with heavy loss.

My next engagement was at Brook Church, where we turned Sheridan, preventing him from going into Richmond and caused him to seek the protection of the Federal gunboats. I was in the engagement at Cold Harbor, where Gen. Grant tried to break through and get to Richmond, but was defeated.

Sufferings endured.

The sufferings of a soldiers life are varied and hard, suffering from cold, unavoidable exposure, scarcity of food and rainment, all bring on much suffering.

Incidents of Army Life

In the first part of the war I was in the signal service, and while in detached service, I had occasion several times to cross the lines, and as my family lived within the Federal lines, I would stop a few days with them and gather such news as I could from the enemy and then recross the lines. I usually had some difficulty in getting across the rivers. On one occasion I bought fifty dollars worth of tobacco, in confederate money to take home for my wife to sell. When I reached the lower part of Gloucester County, the chances to cross York River were so risky that it took my fifty dollars worth of tobacco and twenty dollars in state notes to get over the river. At another time I was put so far off from the shore that I had to wade several hundred yards before reaching the dry land, sometimes in waist deep water. I remember on one of these adventures across the lines I carried with me a bundle of letters from my comrades to their families and friends, and as I had to do my moving about at night, I took my wife with me one night to distribute these letters. Some of them were to friends across the Poquoson River. We procured a canoe and started over; about midway of the river, we saw in the distant a boat coming toward us, and which we took to be a Yankee barge, as they were frequenting the rivers on the lookout for blockade runners. My wife was in charge of the bundle of letters with a brick made fast to them, ready at any minute to drop them in the water and sink them to the bottom in the event it should become necessary. When a coarse and harsh voice from the approaching boat cried out, "Boat Ahoy." We thought we were being captured so in as brave voice as I could, I shouted out "Heigh Ho" and we went on our way unmolested. I learned later on that the parties in that boat were also blockade runners.

Another incident worthy of note is the running of the blockade by my wife. When I left home, I expected to return in a few days, but was cut off by Gen. McClellan's advance on the peninsula. I was poorly prepared in the way of clothes for a lengthy stay from home, which my wife well knew. After the second battle of Fredericksburg while our regiment was on provost duty in that city, she decided to make an effort to get through the lines, and visit me at Fredericksburg and bring me such things as I most needed among which was a pair of boots, which she carried through the lines under her hoop skirts, which were fashionable in those days. To make a long story short, I will say that after encountering many difficulties she reached Fredericksburg safely and after spending a few days recrossed the lines and arrived home without being molested, and without the Yankees even knowing anything about her adventure.

There are many more incidents which might be of interest, but will close by relating what to my mind is a very remarkable coincidence.

The great battle of Malvern Hill was fought in the afternoon of July 2nd, 1862. Just 44 years later I was visiting my son, Rev. J. E. White, where he was in charge of the Henrico Circuit. The Parsonage is located on a portion of the battle ground and Willis' church is near the Parsonage lot. The 2nd of July 1906 came on Sunday and the afternoon was the appointment for preaching at Willis church and my son asked me to preach for him. A strange and wide contrast presented itself to my mind as I turned back the pages of time 44 years from the very hour in which I was then preaching the gospel of peace and good will to men, how that the sacred house in which I stood was made to tremble, and the surrounding community to quake from the continuous booming of cannon, and the rattle of musketry. How terrific was that engagement. How sad the memories of that hour. My then unborn son was with me, now the preacher and pastor of the people now living on and near this memorable battle ground, a messenger of peace and good will to man.

J. F. White

John spent the last few years of his life with his daughter, Mary E. Hall, and family at her home in Battery Park, Isle Of Wight County, Va. He passed away peacefully at her home on January 2, 1922. He and Martha and many of his relatives are interred in Providence Church Cemetery.

His obituary was written by Reverend J. S. Wallace who served Providence Church during the years 1897-98. Reverend Wallace had high praise for him and pointed out the great interest and amount of work that he applied to the "Rosebud Missionary Society." He pointed out that grandpa was a strong temperance supporter and stated that the temperance cause often suffered from lack of support from church members but that Brother White stuck by his guns as he had done when a Confederate Soldier. He stated that he was glad that Reverend White lived to see the triumph of his cause. Reverend Wallace stated that he was always impressed by his integrity and deep piety. During the illness of his last days he would repeat St. Pauls words of triumph "I have fought the good fight; I have kept the faith, henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, etc." Rev. Wallace ended with the following words: "Rest in Peace my dear brother till we meet in our fathers house of many mansions over there and greet our loved ones gone before."



Sergeant John French White, CSA

Volunteered early in the war and served with the "Lee Guards" which was a part of the 32nd Regiment, of Virginia Volunteers, which was a part of Corsey's Brigade, Pickett's Division, Longstreet's Corps, Army of Northern Virginia. He served on detached duty with the Army Signal Corps for awhile during the early part of the war.

Listed below are the children of John F. and Martha:

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| 1. Orah Sue | (b) October 1, 1860 | (d) September 8, 1868 |
| 2. John Edward | (b) August 26, 1865 | (d) June 5, 1960 |
| 3. William Bennett | (b) October 31, 1867 | (d) January 11, 1949 |
| 4. Lloyd Cowles | (b) January 9, 1870 | (d) February 4, 1870 |
| 5. Jesse Franklin | (b) January 9, 1870 | (d) January 9, 1870 |
| 6. Lillie Mae | (b) April 30, 1871 | (d) October 21, 1871 |
| 7. Martha Amelia | (b) October 26, 1872 | (d) January 27, 1960 |
| 8. Mary Ann Elizabeth | (b) November 6, 1874 | (d) November 4, 1963 |
| 9. Lucy Frances | (b) November 6, 1874 | (d) August 2, 1895 |
| 10. Jethro Festus | (b) February 1, 1877 | (d) October 13, 1953 |
| 11. Rosanna Davenport | (b) March 17, 1879 | (d) November 13, 1911 |
| 12. David Duncan | (b) October 9, 1881 | (d) February 1, 1955 |

Their little daughter, Orah Sue passed away on September 8, 1868 at the tender age of eight. At the time of her death she had many sores on her body and it was thought that she suffered from mal-nutrition during the war years.

As the reader can see from the above listing there were two sets of twins. Only seven of the children lived to marry and six of them had children of their own.

I believe that the deeply religious lives of John F. and Martha C. White had a strong influence on their children which seemed to have passed on down through the generations.

Mrs. J. W. Ironmonger in her "Ancestry and Descendants of Thomas James," placed a lot of emphasis on the "James Family" influence. Regardless of the "Genes" I don't recall ever having heard of anyone in the family lineage being in serious trouble with the law. On the other hand there have been those that have achieved relatively high positions in life. A quest for learning also seems to be a family trait.

Old home purchased by John French White in 1858 from the Estate of Thomas Davis. Foreground, D.D.White, Sr., Ora, Mary Lou, David D. White, Jr. and R.E.White, Sr. being held by Mary Lou White. J.F. White built a 2 story addition to dwelling in 1884. The original 1 1/2 story home torn down by D.D.White, Sr. and replaced by present 2 story dwelling, built in 1922 or 1923. Old 2 story section remains as a part of the home, being modified.



The following eight chapters are devoted to the children of John F. & Martha and their descendants, to the present generation.

Generation codes are as follows:

(4) for John French White, indicates that he is the 4th generation from our proven ancestor, William White. William had a son, John. John had a son, John Arthur and John French was his son.

1 through 12 designate the 12 children of John French and Martha Cowles (Davis) White.

Roman numerals are used to list the third generation from John French & Martha C. White, I, II, etc. for each family line.

A, B, C, etc. designates the 4th generation from John F. and Martha White. 1, 2, 3, etc. lists the 5th generation.

a. designates the 6th generation and aa the 7th generation.

Example: The eleventh child of John F. & Martha was Rosanna D. White; therefore, (11) Rosanna D. White. I - William Cowles Hogge (son of Rosanna) A. Amy Hogge (daughter of William Cowles Hogge, Sr.)

1. Vincent Paul Pisula, Jr. (Son of Amy (Hogge) Pisula.

a. A child of Vincent P. Pisula, Jr., etc.

It is hoped that the reader will read the "Final Remarks Chapter" in which a few family statistics and miscellaneous comments are given.

Due to delay in obtaining information on several family lines, printing was delayed, therefore causing certain information to be outdated, such as school or college status for individuals. With several exceptions, the information is current through the end of 1989.



Many of our ancestors resided in the Mobjack Bay area of Kingston Parish, the present Mathews Co.

PART IV

DESCENDANTS OF JOHN F. AND MARTHA COWLES WHITE

CHAPTER 1 - ORAH SUE WHITE

The first child born to John and Martha was Orah Sue, born October 1, 1860.

Orah was her mother's only companion during the war years except for faithful Aunt Sallie who slept in the same room with them during the early part of the war when enemy forces were camped all over the farm.

The following are excerpts from a letter that her father sent to her, while he was away during the war, on the occasion of her third birthday:

Camp near Petersburg
October 1st, 1863

My Dear Little Orah,

I have been thinking for some time to write you a letter separate and put it in with dear Mamma's; and as I have some leisure moments to day, I will write to you in the way of a birthday present.

For you will see from the date of this letter that three years ago was the first day of your life. You were then quite small and could not do anything even so much as lift up your head, but you can talk and run about the yard and even help mother do some few things. But I will not detain you here, my main object for writing to you is to give you some advice and to let you know my wishes concerning you and also to let you know that though separated as I am from you that you are not out of my mind, but that I often think of you with all the tenderness of a fond father.

Well perhaps you are only waiting to know my wishes and advice, to carry them out. Well it is my earnest wish that you be a good little girl, and then I am going to advise you and now you must obey kind manna and do all she tells you to do. Remember she is fully competent to instruct you, and will never tell you to do anything but what is best and for your own good if you wish to be a good little girl and please pa, you must obey ma.

In the 2nd place to be a good little girl you must remember your creater in the days of thy youth. This, my dear little Orah, is my

chief desire, that you in early life give your heart to God, and become a little Christian, this is not only necessary to make you a good little girl, but will prepare you for usefulness and all that will assail you in this life.

And after all it will prepare you for Heaven when you come to die, and then if we should meet no more on earth you will be prepared to meet me and mother in that home of Bliss where separation will be no more.

Again to be a good little girl and to be beloved by all who know you, you must cultivate a mild and gently disposition. Never get angry without a proper cause and then be always ready to forgive, when due acknowledgement and apologies are offered.

Everybody loves to see a little girl and even in grown ones a sweet and gently temper.

Now I have told you in as few words as I could how to be a good little girl. And now I wish to give you some reasons why you should be, First, that it will so much delight the hearts of myself and dear mamma, and you ought to do all you can to please us. Second, because it will add so much to your own happiness to this life and the life, which is to come.

My last inducement for you is, when I was home last, you promised me to be a good little girl, now we ought to try to do all we can do and hope you will.

Now my dear little daughter I am through with this part of my letter and must soon close for want of space.

I know that you cannot read and understand this letter now but hope that you will see the day when you will not only be able to read and understand but appreciate all that I have written. When you get a little larger you must get mother to read and explain it for you. I have a great deal more I would like to say but have not the space. I will try and write again before long. Good by and may the good Lord keep and take care of you, my only child and your dear mama;

Your fond father,
J. F. White

As stated previously, little Orah Sue died on September 9, 1868 at the tender age of eight.

PART IV

CHAPTER 2 - JOHN EDWARD WHITE

John Edward White, 2nd child of John F. and Martha C. White, known by friends and family as Johnny, worked on the farm, helped to operate the country store and assisted his father in his boating operations. For a while grandpa owned jointly with two of his sons, William B. and Jethro, a boat, of the "Bugeye Type", named the "J. F. White" and they hauled freight to and from Norfolk, Va.

Uncle Johnny was a versatile man. As a young man he wrote articles for the "Norfolk Monitor", the local newspaper of the day, under the pen name "Rivanna." Many of the articles still exist in the form of clippings in grandma's old scrap book.

For awhile he operated a school, which was a small building that stood near the site of the present Providence Church Educational Building in the Dare Community. It was known as "Fishneck Private School" and a report card for his younger brother D.D. White, shows John E. White, Principal, terms \$1.00 per month and satisfaction guaranteed. The card, in the possession of this writer, dated November 5, 1894 lists the following subjects and grades, as follows:

Spelling and Etymology---	90	Arithmetic -----	80
Geography -----	90	Reading -----	100
Grammar -----	88	Deportment -----	95
Writing -----	80		

After teaching for a few years he felt a call to enter the ministry and entered Randolph Macon College and was ordained as a minister in the Virginia Methodist Conference in 1896. He met and married Miss Lillian Wilson while on his first ministerial appointment on the Eastern Shore of Virginia.

While serving on the "Henrico Charge" he assisted his father in starting a Mission church at Morrison Station. An old newspaper clipping shows that he preached a one week revival there in 1907, as a forerunner to the organization of the church. The church was later named "Whites Memorial" and was the forerunner of the present Morrison United Methodist Church.

It was always a pleasure to receive his Christmas Letter in which he always included some money as his Christmas gift.

He served many churches during his active ministry and kept very accurate records listing when and where he preached sermons. He also kept a record of his many baptisms, marriages and funerals. Most of his charges were in rural areas where he and Aunt Lillian gardened and raised chickens. They were very thrifty.

Uncle Johnny retired in 1939 and purchased a home on Cedar Lane in Newport News, Va., very near to his two sisters, Mary Hall and Mattie Handy. After his retirement in 1939 he continued to preach many sermons at local churches, including special occasions at Providence, such as "Memorial Day Services." He performed our marriage and later baptised our three children.

Aunt Mary Hall lived with him in his latter days, after the death of his beloved Lillian. At his death in 1960 at the age of 95 he left funds to Providence Church, Morrison Methodist and Hilton Village Church (now known as First United Methodist Church Newport News, Va.) They have a library named Reverend John E. White Memorial Library, in his honor. He also left funds to various Methodist Conference related things such as the Children's Home.

They had no children of their own but he left small amounts to each of his nieces and nephews. He and Aunt Lillian were much loved by all that knew them. He protested worldly things and I was told that it took a lot of persuasion to get him to enter the Village Theater for temporary church services while his church in retirement was being remodeled. He told a friend that it was the first time that he had ever been in a house of sin.

He and his wife, Lillian, are interred in Providence Church Cemetery, not far from the graves of his parents and grandparents.



John Edward White

PART IV

Chapter 3 - WILLIAM BENNETT WHITE

William Bennett White, third child of John F. and Martha White, known by his nieces and nephews as "Uncle Billy", was the only one that helped bring in the bacon, so to speak, after Uncle Johnny left for the ministry. He helped grandpa with duties on the farm. After the turn of the century, farmers made a fairly good livelihood by raising potatoes. Barges or lighters would be brought in on high tide and loaded with potatoes. It was said that "Uncle Billy" who was stocky built and very strong would wade out to the barge with a large sack of potatoes under each arm, to load on the barge.

William B. White's sister, Mary Elizabeth attended a boarding school in Norfolk, Va. and she brought a friend home with her sometime prior to 1895, whose name was Leila Norris, daughter of a Doctor Norris in Newberry, South Carolina. She and Uncle Billy were married on June 18, 1895 by William Bell at the bride's home. Very soon thereafter Uncle Billy and I assume his wife and several other members of the family came down with Typhoid Fever. This epidemic first struck in the Wynne Family, whose home was just this side of Smith's Marine Railway, in 1894 and Mrs. Wynne and three of her sons died. Uncle Billy's strong constitution was in his favor when at the worst stage of his sickness he had a very high fever and for some reason it was thought that water would make a patient worse. The negro who was helping tend to the sick refused to give him water until Uncle Billy told him that he was about to die and if he didn't give him water he would come back and haunt him, whereupon he received the water and soon started to get better. Besides farming he operated the family boat "The White" and hauled the freight to Norfolk. William B. & Leila had two daughters:

- I. Lucy Mae White (b) January 20, 1897 (d) December 24, 1980
- II. Leila Norris White (b) August 1898 and died March 1899

Uncle Billy, his wife Leila and infant daughter Lucy Mae had a narrow escape from death during a fierce storm in Hampton Roads on August 28, 1897. The following as written up in the "Hampton Roads Monitor" tells the story:

"Among many almost miraculous deliverances from almost certain death in the tempest-lashed waters, that of W. B. White of York County was typical and exciting. His story related by himself this morning is as follows: 'I left Poquoson River about 11:00 a.m. Monday

with my wife and seven months old baby daughter, who were going to visit my wife's parents in Newbury, South Carolina. I was bringing her here to take the train. My mate, H. M. Moreland, was also of the party.

The storm struck us between 4:30 and 5 o'clock in the afternoon just outside of the Rip-Raps. We had seen it coming and had taken in all sails, having only the peak of the foresail on. We were quartering the waves when the storm struck us in the side and cap-tized us in the twinkling of an eye. Water began to pour into her and through this I rushed into the cabin after my wife and child. I caught the little one under one arm and seized my wife with the other and fought my way up the companionway against the water, which was pouring down in torrents. We had a desperate struggle to get to the windward side, which was lying up but finally succeeded in reaching the monkey rail, to which all hands clung, while the waves were rolling the boat about like a football. My wife took the baby and held her close to her breast. I put one arm around her and held on by the other.

We were towing a small canoe which filled with water and swung around to the side of the vessel and bruised my wife painfully. We remained in this perilous position for about three quarters of an hour, then the bug-eye drifted around between the Rip-Raps and the shore to smoother waters. Here we managed to get the canoe free of water and after a while put off in it for the Rip-Raps which we reached considerable the worst for wear. We were wet and exhausted. My wife's trunk and all of my clothing had been lost.

The watchman, or rather his wife, for he was sick, gave us shelter, food and drink until noon yesterday, when I hired a canoe and three men and started for Old Point to find a boat that would help me right the J.F. White, which I had anchored before leaving. We met with the schooner Z. E. Beauchamp in the roads and Captain Smith kindly consented to help me. He came over to where my vessel was wrecked and succeeded by good work in righting the bug-eye, after which we bailed her out and Captain Smith towed me to Norfolk. I want to say right here that Captain Smith did not charge me a cent. It was one of the finest things I ever knew a man to do.

My vessel is on Hundley's Railway being refitted. It will cost me about \$100.00. The boat had lost her rudder, tiller, cabin doors, anchor, hawser, mainmast and topmast. I am going up the James in her Monday and my wife and child will go on South Friday."

Mrs. White's trunk was picked up by Captain Cotton of the sloop, Virginia, and taken to Scott's Creek. It will be recovered. Captain Cotton also picked up two men whom he found hanging to a canoe that had capsized.

NOTE: Not included in the write-up but of interest is that Lucy Mae, the baby daughter mentioned above, told me many years later that Uncle Billy, completely exhausted, had told his wife that she would have to let the baby go and hold on with both of her hands, to which Lelia replied - "If the baby goes I go too."

Shortly after the turn of the century, William B. White purchased acreage from the Moreland family that was originally a part of the Davis plantation. After accepting employment at Newport News Shipyard he sold the property to his brother, Jethro White, and moved to Newport News, VA.

Lelia contracted tuberculosis and after much suffering, died on November 14, 1908. Her obituary, written by Rev. John E. White stated that she possessed a strong christian character and that she bore her sufferings with patience and fortitude. Her husband was unceasing in his devotion and untiring to have her health restored. She was interred in the family plot in Providence Church Cemetery.

After several years Uncle Billy married Bessie Daniels who was a sister to Jethro's wife, Louise. They had no children but after the death of his sister, Rosa Hogge, in 1911 they took one of her very young children, Jerome Wallace Hogge and raised him to manhood as their very own child. He wasn't legally adopted, so his last name remained Hogge.

I remember "Uncle Billy" for his friendliness but most of all for his firm handshake. When he shook your hand you knew that it had been shook, no limp, loose grip but something that made a person believe that he was shaking hands with a friend.

He departed this life on January 11, 1949 and is buried in the White Family Plot at Providence, near his two wives.

As stated previously, W. B. White and his wife Lelia had two children; only Lucy Mae survived. She married a second cousin, Ernest Virgil Acree on February 28, 1925. Ernest, the son of Earnest V. and Louise (Daniel) Acree was born January 8, 1902 and died December 14, 1977.

Lucy Mae worked in the purchasing department of Newport News Shipbuilding & Dry Dock Company before taking time out to start her family and later worked as a bookkeeper for a local firm.

Lucy Mae and Virgil had two children:

- A - Mary Norris Acree (b) March 19, 1935
- B - Ernest Virgil Acree, Jr. (b) September 23, 1936

A - Mary, prior to her marriage did secretarial work for a local doctor. She married Charles Franklin Walker and they have five children:

- 1. Charles Franklin Walker, Jr. (b) January 8, 1957
- 2. Kathryn Joyce Walker (b) July 16, 1958
- 3. Lynda Lee Walker (b) October 7, 1959
- 4. Mary Susan Walker (b) October 26, 1961
- 5. David Acree Walker (b) May 2, 1968

1. Charles F. Walker, Jr. is a graduate of the University of Virginia and works for the Navy Department. He married Leslie Ione Cones; they have one son:

- a. Logan Charles Walker (b) October 20, 1987

2. Kathryn Walker is a graduate of Virginia Commonwealth University and is a school teacher.

3. Lynda Lee Walker married Jay Edward Rupp. She is a graduate of James Madison University. Her main occupation at this time is caring for their two young children:

- a. Christopher Jay Rupp (b) September 18, 1986
- b. Stephen Andrew Rupp (b) March 11, 1988

4. Mary Susan is a graduate of Virginia Tech with a degree in Biology and is presently employed in the research laboratory of University of Virginia Hospital.

5. David Acree Walker graduated from Chowan College and is now majoring in Computer Science at James Madison University.

B. Ernest Virgil Acree, Jr. married Barbara Brooks, they have no children but Barbara has two daughters by previous marriages. They are: Constance Lynne Poole and Leslie Jo Brooks.

His father, Ernest V. Acree was actually a Junior but didn't use the designation since his father spelled his name Earnest. He died when Ernest V. Acree, husband of Lucy Mae, was only about eight months old.

a. Ernest V. Acree, Jr. has a degree in Civil Engineering from Virginia Tech and is the plant manager of The Bayshore Concrete Company on the Eastern Shore of Virginia.

This ends the line of descendants of William Bennett and Lelia (Norris) White through 1988.

William B. White



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To all to whom these Presents shall come, Greeting:

Know Ye, That

W.B. White of
Shipton, York County, Virginia,

One third owner

of the *Schooner* or vessel, called the *J. F. White*

of the burden of *Twelve and 9/10* tons or thereabout,

for and in consideration of the sum of *One hundred and six and 67/100* dollars,

lawful money of the United States of America, to *him*, in hand paid, before the sealing and delivery

of these presents, by *J. F. White Sr. and J. F. White Jr.*

J. Shipton, York County, Va.

the receipt whereof *I* do hereby acknowledge and *am* therewith fully satisfied, contented, and

paid have bargained and sold, and by these presents do bargain and sell unto the said *J. F. White Sr. and J. F. White Jr.*

PART IV

Chapter 4

DESCENDANTS OF JOHN F. & MARTHA COWLES WHITE

The fourth and fifth children of John F. & Martha were twins:

Jesse Franklin (b) January 1, 1870 (d) January 1, 1870

Lloyd Cowles (b) January 1, 1870 (d) February 4, 1870

Lillie Mae, the sixth child of John and Martha also died in infancy. She was born April 30, 1871 and died October 21, 1871.

MARTHA AMELIA WHITE - Their seventh child, Martha Amelia, known as "Mattie" was named after her mother and grandmother, the first daughter to survive to adulthood. I am sure that she was a great help to her mother.

It was said that she was courted by Mr. W. E. Moore of the Fish Neck Community and that he had planned to enter the ministry of the Virginia Conference but somehow his plans didn't develop and the courtship also ended.

She also had Typhiod Fever and was very ill but survived. An interesting story came out of her experience as related by Aunt Mary Hall. It was also written up by her brother, John Edward, in the "Norfolk Monitor." As written by Aunt Mary - "My twin sister, Lucy Frances, left us, but all the rest recovered, though very slowly. It took each one about three months to recover, except Johnny and the others. We had walking Typhiod. Something rather strange happened about four weeks after the death of my twin sister, Lucy. At the time of her death, five were so very ill that we dare not tell them of her death, but now Mattie had improved to the point that she would soon be going downstairs but just before that time a vision of Lou appeared before her and said, "Well, Mattie, I've been dead now for four weeks and they haven't told you so I have come to tell you. Mattie described perfectly the clothing that she had on and just exactly what she was laid away in. Mattie, in telling me of it in the morning said, "It is not true, is it?" My reply to her was - "I would love to see her and that I hadn't seen her for four weeks."

(5) Martha (Mattie) was married to Eugene Martin Handy, a widower, on December 22, 1898. The marriage was performed by her father. Mr. Handy had a daughter named Clara, by his previous marriage, who married a Mr. Peters. He was a foreman in the Newport News Shipyard prior to his retirement.

They had two children:

I- Edward Malvern Handy (b) January 15, 1904 (d) Jan. 17, 1975

II- Mabel French Handy (b) June 10, 1906 (d) June 2, 1984

I - Edward M. Handy was a graduate of V.P.I. and after his graduation organized the "Handy Oil Corporation" which he operated for several years and then sold it. He then worked at the Shipyard as a Cost Engineer until his retirement.

Edward married Thelma Maynard. They had a son that died in infancy. This writer has often thought that it was a great pity Edward didn't have a son that may have been athletic like he was. He was on the V.P.I. championship football team in 1928 on which he played both offense and defense. His cousin, William F. White and wife took him to a homecoming that recognized the championship team several years prior to his death in 1975. He had suffered with diabetes for a long time.

II - Mabel Handy attended Harrisonburg State Teachers College and taught for several years at the Morrison Elementary School, Morrison, Virginia. She worked as a clerk at Nachman's Department Store for awhile before going to work at the local shipyard in the Timekeeping Department.

She married Gordon Russell Kerr from New Jersey and they had a son.

A. Gordon Russell Kerr, Jr. (b) May 7, 1934. Gordon (known as "Donny") is a successful attorney in Newport News, VA. He married Mildred Anne Tierney from Portsmouth, Va.

This ends the line of descendants of Martha Amelia (White) Handy through 1988.



Sisters - Left to Right: Martha Amelia (Mattie)(White) Handy
Rosanna Davenport (Rosa) (White) Hogge and Mary Ann Elizabeth
(Mary) (White) Hall.

PART IV

Chapter 5

MARY ANNE ELIZABETH WHITE

Mary Anne Elizabeth White, eighth child of John French and Martha C. White, had a twin sister named Lucy Frances. They attended boarding school in Norfolk, Va, as young girls.

Mary Anne married a widower, Levin H. Hall on December 22, 1904. The marriage was performed by her father. Levin Hall had a daughter by his first marriage, named Anna. Aunt Mary raised her and I have heard her say that she loved her the same as if she were her own daughter.

The Hall Family resided for several years in Battery Park, Isle of Wight County, Virginia and Mr. Hall worked as a waterman most of that time. He later went to work at Newport News Shipyard and they moved to the Hilton Village Area of Newport News, Va.

As a young boy I enjoyed spending some time in their home on Nelson Drive during the summer months. Aunt Mattie lived next door and I also visited them.

The Hall's once gave me a puppy that was part bulldog and part Beagle. We named him "Rover" and he turned out to be an excellent Rabbit Hound. Someone described the dog as being half a dog high and two dogs long. He also was a good fighter and dogs twice his size kept out of his way.

Aunt Mary was almost a second mother to this writer since she resided in our home for several years while my mother was in a hospital. After the death of her husband and after Uncle Johnny's wife, Lillian, passed on, Aunt Mary moved into his home on Cedar Lane which was almost directly behind Nelson Drive. She stayed with him for several years until his death and looked after him. After his death she moved to her son's home on Chisman Creek until her death on November 4, 1963. She and her husband are interred in the White Family Cemetery at Providence. They had two children.

I - Lewis Harvey Hall (b) October 5, 1907

II - Martha Caroline Hall (b) December 27, 1910 (d) Sept. 12, 1911

I. Lewis H. Hall graduated from Wofford College in Spartanburg, South Carolina. He served as a Chief Marine Officer in World War II and received awards for service in combat duty.

After the war he attended Fordham University in New York City, New York. He was a very successful practicing attorney in Newport News, Virginia prior to his retirement, having served on many boards and organizations, including President of the Newport News Bar Association. He taught Sunday School for many years in Aldersgate and Providence United Methodist Churches.

He married Isabel Hall from Denton, Texas and they had one child:

A. Isabel Thomas Hall (b) December 22, 1944. She graduated from the University of South Carolina and the University of Richmond and is a practicing attorney in Newport News, VA. She married Richard Y. Atlee who is also an attorney and they have two sons:

1. Richard Y. Atlee, Jr. (b) September 15, 1971
2. Michael Lewis Atlee (b) May 5, 1974

Richard and Michael are both honor students at Tabb High School. Richard is in his senior year and Michael is a Freshman. Michael is on the school's soccer team.

This ends the line of descendants of Mary Ann Elizabeth (White) Hall through 1988.

PART IV - Chapter 5A
Lucy Frances White

As previously mentioned, Aunt Mary had a twin sister, Lucy Frances White. They were not identical twins. "Lou", as she was known, died in the Typhoid Epidemic of 1895 at the age of 21. She was much loved by the family and sadly missed. Chapter 4 gives more details of her death. She is interred in the White Family Cemetery at Providence Church.



PART IV

CHAPTER 6 - JETHRO FESTUS WHITE

Jethro F. White, tenth child of John F & Martha C. White was born at the White Homestead on Chisman's Creek. Those familiar with the bible will recognize the biblical names given him. It has been said that as a boy he liked to fight and his little sister, Rosa, would sometimes have to hide since he liked to pick on her. He grew up to be a healthy robust man, assisting his father on the farm and later worked on the water in the family "bugeye" named the "J. F. White". He finally purchased it from his brother "Billie", William Bennet White in 1903. He sold the boat to Mr. Jim Bradshaw and it finally went to pieces in the creek in front of his home, now the Levy property.

The following account appeared in the Hampton Monitor about 1907:

"Capt. J. F. White, very nearly loses his life in collision"

Captain Jethro F. White had a narrow escape from death recently while returning from Norfolk in the "J. F. White" when a four mast schooner, towed by a tug, ran into his boat. Captain White thought at one time that he would jump overboard in order to save his life. The boat was severely damaged.

On the 14th of August 1907 he married the widow, Mary Louise Acree and built a home on the land that he purchased from his brother, William B. White. Mary Louise was prior to her first marriage, Mary Louise Daniel, daughter of John Daniel and Mary (Fuqua) Daniel who were from Brunswick County, Va. and of French Huguenot Stock. Mary Louise (Daniel) (Acree) White's first husband was Earnest Acree and their son was Ernest Virgil Acree who married Lucy Mae White, daughter of William B. and Lelia White. Mary Louise was born June 12, 1882 and died May 27, 1932.

Jethro F. White - "Uncle Jack" followed the water and farmed for quite a while after his marriage but by about 1925 went to work at the Shipyard in Newport News, Va. He continued to farm on a small scale, however. He was an ardent Christian and devoted worker in Providence Church and for many years acted as collection steward.

As a Young boy, I often rowed my boat across the creek at night to visit cousins and whatever he was doing, he would take time to walk with me to the pier and see me safely on my way home.

Being a strong, muscular man, he liked to play with the Shipyard Apprentices during the noon lunch hour and possibly get a "bear hug" on them. On one occasion, several years prior to his death one of the boys apparently got mad and bit his ear, which became infected and eventually malignant and led to his death.

Three children were born to Jethro and Louise:

- I - John French White (b) October 24, 1908 (d) January 8, 1973
- II - Percy Daniel White (b) May 7, 1911
- III - William Fuqua White (b) September 17, 1914

I - John married Lucy Ann Tillage from Gloucester County. She is the daughter of Charles W. and Lottie E. (Harris) Tillage. They resided in Gloucester for most of their married life, having moved back to the local community and built a new home shortly before his death in 1973. John worked at the Shipyard as a Sheetmetal Mechanic. One son was born of this marriage:

A. Charles French White (b) December 24, 1948. He married Luanne Roper, whose maiden name was Godfrey. She was born June 21, 1954. They have a daughter:

- 1. Kimberly Nicole White (b) May 6, 1983

II - Percy married Maude Adams, a registered nurse, from Danielsville, Ga. Percy graduated from Emory and Henry College and Duke University and served for many years as a minister in the Virginia Conference before his retirement in June 1976.

Three children were born to Percy and Maude:

- A. Percy Daniel White, Jr. (Danny) (b) February 13, 1943
- B. Maude Adams White (b) November 22, 1945
- C. Elizabeth Louise White (b) May 9, 1950

A. Percy D. White, Jr. has a (BA) degree from Randolph Macon College; A(MA) and (PHD) degrees from the University of Montana. He has previously taught in college and is now a computer analyst and group supervisor of the Performance Assessment Group of Arete Associates in Sherman Oaks, California. He married Mary Coggins and they have two sons:

- 1. Christopher Coggins White (b) March 27, 1972
- 2. Jonathan Coggins White (b) May 22, 1976

1. Christopher is a junior in high school and participates in sports, especially soccer. He has a good scholastic record.

2. Jonathan is an eighth grade honor student and also plays on the soccer team. He has accomplished quite a bit in the scouting program in his community.

B. Maude Adams White married Robert Wilkinson, now divorced. She has a BA degree from American University, Washington, D.C. and MA degree from George Washington University. She is the Medical Director of the Rehabilitation Laboratory, Springfield, Va.

C. Elizabeth (Beth) has a BA degree from The University of Massachusetts and MA degree from UCLA in Environmental studies. She married Allen Brownstein and they reside in Davis, California. They have a daughter:

1. Merideth Brownstein (b) December 15, 1983

II. Percy D. White, Sr. married 2nd; Mrs. Virginia Blevins on February 21, 1975.

III. William F. (Billy) White married Virginia Pearl Rowe from the Eastern Shore of Virginia. A daughter of Lorenzo D. and Edith Pearl (Brown) Rowe, Virginia was born November 16, 1919. William F. White graduated from Morrison High School and attended Emory & Henry College. He worked in the Sheetmetal Department of Newport News Shipyard for about ten years, then entered the insurance business, being a successful agent until his recent retirement. He was a Charter member of the York Kiwanis Club and has been a member for 25 years. He also served on the York County Welfare Board for several years and York County American Red Cross of which he served as Chairman for several years. Two children were born to Billy and Virginia:

A. Martha Rowe White (b) November 8, 1941

B. William Edward White (b) November 5, 1946

A. Martha Graduated from York High School and Madison College with a degree in elementary teaching. She has been teaching continuously since graduation and is presently teaching the 2nd grade at Natural Bridge Elementary School. She married Ted Ramer and they have a daughter:

1. Martha Kathryn Ramer (b) April 17, 1978. "Marty", as she is known, is a 5th grade student at Natural Bridge Elementary School, where she is an honor roll student. She is active in sports and excels in horseback riding.

B. William Edward White, graduated from York High School and V.P. I. College with a degree in Business Administration. He is currently the manager of the Holiday Inn in Reidsville, N.C. He married Beth Lavender and they have two daughters:

1. Jennifer is a sophomore at New Bern High School, where she was chosen for the Society of Distinguished High School Students. She is also president of the "Vica Club" (Business and Parliamentary Procedure). She also participates in sports.

2. Shannon is a freshman at New Bern High School where she is on the Year Book staff. She likes to water ski and enjoys cooking.

This ends the line of descendants of Jethro F. White through 1988.



Jethro Festus White



Left to Right: John E. White, Martha A. Handy, William B. White, Jethro F. White and David D. White, Sr. in later years-Jethro's home in background. (Angle of picture causes D. D. White to appear taller than actual height.)

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Mary Elizabeth (White) Hall
(Center)

PART IV

DESCENDANTS OF JOHN F. AND MARTHA COWLES WHITE

Chapter 7 - Rosanna Davenport White

Rosanna Davenport White, known as Rosa, eleventh child of John F. and Martha White was brought back to the homestead as an infant, or very young, after grandpa ceased his store operations in Crab Neck, Va. By this time grandma was passed forty years of age and I am sure that Rosa was very helpful with household chores as she got a little older.

As she approached marriage age she was courted by and married John William Hogge. Excerpts from a letter written by Martha to her son, David D. White, while at William and Mary College are as follows: "Sunday Night before last Willie came in our room and sat down and with quick breath said that he had come in to ask if we had any objections to he and Rosa being married. We remained silent for awhile, then John said - 'Reckon we had rather she would stay with us, though we cannot expect it.' so you see we raised no objections nor gave consent."

Willie and Rosa were married in June 1903 and resided in the old home, which in recent years came to be known as the Doctor Hodges home at the end of Waterview Road. Four children were born to them:

- I. William Cowles Hogge (b) July 22, 1904
- II. John Lewis Hogge (b) April 10, 1906 (d) Dec. 17, 1973
- III. Rose French Hogge (b) Jan. 24, 1908 (d) May 2, 1937
- IV. Jerome Wallace Hogge (b) Aug. 28, 1908 (d) Sep. 29, 1943

Rosa died young on Nov. 13, 1911. She attended her sister-in-law, Lelia, who had tuberculosis and she contracted the illness from her. The children were left in the care of their grandparents. John Lewis (Johnnie) and William Cowles remained with them until after the death of Martha Cowles White in 1917. They then resided with relatives of their father in Hampton, Va. for several years.

Rose French went to live with relatives in Hampton and Uncle Billy White, who by that time was married to his second wife, Bessie (Daniel) White, adopted Jerome Wallace, not changing his last name.

I. Cowles married Margaret Sheriff, whose parents, Stephen and Amy Russell (Morrison) Sheriff, came to this country from St. Johns, Newfoundland. Cowles graduated from Hampton High School and was a member of the football team that won the first State Championship in 1922. He also graduated from the Newport News Shipyard Apprentice School, working for the shipyard for many years and retiring as Foreman of the Sheet Metal and Joiner's Departments.

He was active in many civic and local government affairs before and after they moved to York County in 1943. He was Chairman of the State Council of The International Lions Club in 1960-61. He was chairman of the York County School Commission for 25 years; was also chairman of the local Red Cross Chapter and was instrumental in the construction of the Chapter House. He was also active in setting up the first volunteer fire department in the area, and in the establishment of York High School. Yorkminster Presbyterian Church in Grafton, Va. was organized in their home and he was one of the first four elders elected.

Two children were born to them:

- A. William Cowles Hogge, Jr. (b) Dec. 1, 1925 (d) Feb. 21, 1969
- B. Amy Russell Morrison Hogge (b) July 18, 1927

A. William Cowles Hogge, Jr. (Billy) attended Hampton High School and after they moved to York County, attended and graduated from Christ-Church Academy. He served in the Army during WW-II and was stationed in Greenland, Iceland, Newfoundland and the Azores. He graduated from the NASA Apprentice School and later became one of the first employees of the Yorktown Amoco Plant in Yorktown, VA.

Billy married Mildred Mulkey from South Carolina and five children were born to them:

- 1. William Cowles Hogge, III (b) May 2, 1948
- 2. Ann Taylor Hogge (b) Oct. 10, 1950
- 3. Stephen Ross Hogge (b) March 5, 1954
- 4. John Shelton Hogge (b) Dec. 8, 1955
- 5. Miles Anderson Hogge (b) Aug. 6, 1951 (d) June 22, 1955

1. William C. Hogge, III graduated from York High School and from Thomas Nelson College with a degree in Electrical Engineering. He is currently an Electrical Planner and Designer at Cheatham Annex, Yorktown, Va.

He married Donna W. Sawyer from Jonesport, Maine and they have two children:

- a. Jaime Bryce Hogge (b) Jan. 22, 1980
- b. William C. Hogge, IV (b) July 26, 1983

a. Jaime is a 3rd grade student at Dare Elementary School. She is a piano student, is active in gymnastics and plays Little League Baseball.

2. Ann Taylor Hogge graduated from York High School and American University of Puerto Rico with a degree in English. She is a flight attendant with Eastern Air Lines. Ann is married to Robert Spivak.

3. Stephen Ross Hogge graduated from York High School and attended Emory and Henry College and Virginia Commonwealth College. He is a superintendant with the Davis Boat Works. Stephen married Shannon Riley and they have two children:

- a. Stephen Ross Hogge, Jr. (b) Dec. 19, 1984
- b. Shea Riley Hogge (b) Sept. 25, 1987

4. John Shelton Hogge graduated from Tabb High School and attended Ferrum College. John is a foreman for Tidemill Construction Company. He married Lisa A. Ulisse and they have two sons:

- a. John Shelton Hogge, Jr. (b) May 18, 1985
- b. William Shane Hogge (b) Feb. 12, 1987

They are expecting a third son on or about July 4, 1989 whom they intend to name: Miles Anderson Hogge after his brother who drowned on June 22, 1955.

B. Amy Russell Hogge graduated from Marion Junior College and from Madison University with a degree in Physical Education. She married Doctor Vincent P. Pisula and they reside in Hanover, PA. They have four children:

- 1. Vincent Paul Pisula, Jr. (b) June 27, 1950
- 2. Mary Elizabeth Pisula (b) July 25, 1951
- 3. Joseph Pisula (b) June 2, 1955
- 4. Margaret Ann Pisula (b) Dec. 6, 1958

1. Vincent P. Pisula, Jr. graduated from Villa Nova College and is a real estate broker. He married Karen May and they have one son:

- a. Matthew Cowles Pisula (b) May 9, 1976

a. Matthew is in the 7th grade and participates in sports, especially baseball.

2. Mary Elizabeth Pisula graduated from Mount St. Mary's College. She married Dr. Robert Stewart and they have three children:

- a. Margaret Collene Stewart (b) Aug. 7, 1981
She is a third grade student.
- b. Richard Michael Stewart (b) June 23, 1986
- c. Cowles Alexander Stewart (b) Feb. 29, 1988

3. Joseph Pisula Attended Penn State and graduated from the Marine Academy in Baltimore, Md. He is a self employed Marine Engineer and resides in Gloucester County, Va.

4. Margaret Ann (Peggy) graduated from the University of Indiana, PA. She is married to Clarence Albert Miller, II. They have a son:

- a. Clarence Albert Miller, III (b) June 12, 1986

III. John Lewis Hogge graduated from Hampton High School and the Newport News Shipyard Apprentice School in 1927. He rose through the ranks and became foreman of the Sheetmetal Department in 1949. At the time of his retirement in 1971 he was assistant to the general manager of the yard. "Johnny" married Virginia Ann Curtis from Hampton on April 2, 1931. The daughter of Maude Annis Patrick and Claude Cassius Curtis, she was born May 12, 1909. "Johnny" was active in many civic groups, a member of Khedive Shrine Temple, Scottish Rite, Propeller Club a past president of the Newport News Lions Club. At the time of his death he was an elder and member of the Board of Trustees of First Presbyterian Church of Hampton.

They were parents of five children:

- A. John Lewis Hogge, Jr. (b) Sep. 10, 1932 (d) Sep. 12, 1932
- B. Virginia Ann Hogge "Jan" (b) Dec. 28, 1933
- C. Elizabeth Curtis Hogge "Bette" (b) May 22, 1935
- D. John William Hogge "Jack" (b) March 10, 1939
- E. Martha Cowles Hogge (b) Aug. 15, 1948

B. "Jan" graduated from Hampton High School and from Westhampton College in 1956 with a degree in Math. She married her math professor, Delbert Ferrel Atkins from Illinois in June 1955. "Jan" works for the University of Eastern Illinois where she will retire in 1989. She received a masters degree from that university. They reside in Charleston, Illinois. They have two children:

- 1. Alden Lewis Atkins (b) Oct. 14, 1959
- 2. Anne Ferrel Atkins (b) Oct. 7, 1962

1. Alden graduated from high school in Charleston, Illinois as class Validictorian. He graduated from The University of Virginia and the University of Virginia Law School and is now a member of the group, Craveth, Swain and Moore, Attorneys in New York City.

2. Anne Ferrel graduated from high school in Charleston, Ill. and graduated from Purdue University. She married Duane Guettler and they reside in Denver, CO where she is the manager of a Payless Shoe Source. They have one daughter:

- a. Kristin Atkins (b) Jan. 1989

C. Elizabeth Curtis Hogge "Bette" graduated from Hampton High School and attended Longwood College. She married Charles Read Morton, Jr. in June 1956 and they reside in Richmond, Va. Read is employed by the C&P Telephone Company. They have two children:

1. Elizabeth Curtis Morton (b) Oct. 28, 1958
2. Ann French Morton (b) Apr. 13, 1964

1. Elizabeth Curtis Morton graduated from Douglas Freeman High School in Richmond, Va. She graduated from Ferrum College in 1979 and from Longwood College in June 1981. She is presently employed by the C&P Telephone Company in Richmond, Va.

2. Ann French Morton graduated from Douglas Freeman High School in Richmond, Va. in June 1982. She attended Longwood College and graduated from Virginia Commonwealth University in Richmond, Va. in 1987. She is currently employed by Ukrop's Grocery Store.

D. John William Hogge "Jack" graduated from Hampton High School and graduated from The University of Virginia in 1962. He married Susan Upsher Hooper from Baltimore, Maryland. They reside in Glen Ellyn, Illinois, where Jack is Senior Vice President of Northern Trust Company. They have two children:

1. John Lewis Hogge, II (b) June 18, 1962
2. Elizabeth Bowen Hogge (b) July 16, 1964

1. John Lewis Hogge, II graduated from high school in Glen Ellyn and from Wake Forrest University with a degree in History. He received his Master's Degree from New York University and has passed his exams for his Doctorate in History. He married Siobhan Clooney from Athens, Georgia in September 1987. They currently reside in New York City, N.Y.

2. Elizabeth Bowen Hogge graduated from high school in Glen Ellyn, ILL. and graduated from The University of Virginia in June 1986 with a degree in French. She is currently working for the stock exchange in Chicago. ILL.

E. Martha Cowles Hogge graduated from Hampton High School in 1966. She attended Averett Junior College from 1966-1968. She married Charles William Wood, III of Hampton, Va. They reside in Hampton, Va. and are self employed at McPherson Printing Company. They have three daughters:

1. Robin Gayle Wood (b) May 8, 1968
2. Martha Curtis Wood (b) Oct. 11, 1972
3. Catherine William Wood (b) Oct. 31, 1975

1. Robin Gayle Wood graduated from Hampton High School. She married Mark Christopher Smith of Hampton. She is employed by McPherson's Printing Company in Hampton. They have a daughter:

- a. Elizabeth Anne Smith (b) May 13, 1987

2. Martha Curtis Wood attends Hampton High School, where she will graduate in 1990. She is a member of the school's swim team and of a community swim team.

3. Catherine W. Wood is in the 8th grade at Thomas Eaton Fundamental School. She is a member of a community swim team.

III - Rose French Hogge died May 2, 1937. She drowned under mysterious circumstances at Buckroe Beach, Hampton, Va. At the time of her death she worked as a dietician at a local hospital. She was buried in the family plot at Providence Church.

IV - Jerome Wallace Hogge, youngest child of Willie and Rosa Davenport Hogge, as previously stated, grew up in Hampton, Va. and graduated from Hampton High School and was said to have been very popular among the student body. He was president of his senior class. This writer remembers Wallace visiting my parents home when I was very young and I remember that he loved to play the piano. He attended Emory and Henry College and worked as an agent for Peoples Life Ins. Company. Wallace married Clarke Wallace from Saluda, Va. (When the bride's picture appeared in the local paper with the caption "Wallace-Hogge", someone remarked that it was odd that they only printed the groom's name.)

They had two children:

- A. Jerome Wallace Hogge, Jr. (b) Oct. 18, 1935
- B. Mary Gaynelle Hogge (b) Oct. 3, 1938

A. Jerome W. Hogge, Jr., (Jerry) graduated from William and Mary College in June 1960, with a degree in Business Administration. He worked part time for the C&P Telephone Company while attending College and for a short time after graduation. He enlisted in the Coast Guard Reserve, Officers Training School at Yorktown, Va. in 1961, serving one year active duty at which time he received a commission. He stayed in the reserve program and later became the Commanding Officer of a Reserve Unit that met one week end a month, attaining the Rank of Commander.

Shortly after his release from active duty in the CG Reserve he accepted employment with Newport News Savings and Loan Co., and worked his way up to President of the firm. He has also been active in the affairs of Newport News, Va. having served on the City Council and as Mayor of Newport News, Va. Jerome married Martha Ann Nichols from Hampton, Va. and they have two children:

1. Jacquelyn Pointer Hogge (b) June 12, 1961 She is a third year student at the University of Virginia, working towards a medical degree.

2. Jerome Wallace Hogge, III (b) March 18, 1965, married Andrea Dawn Wellman from Warrenton, Va. He is a graduate of VPI with a Master's Degree in Electrical Engineering and is employed by AT&T in Washington, D.C.

B. Mary Gaynelle Hogge (known as Gay) married Larry McNeill Topping, son of Traynam and Charlotte A. (Firth) Topping. Larry who was born April 11, 1932 and is an attorney. They have four children:

1. Larry McNeill Topping, Jr. (b) Oct. 3, 1959
2. Parker Traynam Topping (b) Sep. 19, 1962
3. Wallace Hogge Topping (b) July 25, 1966
4. William Davenport Topping (b) June 9, 1967

1. Larry McNeill, Jr. graduated from Randolph Macon College and is employed by the Ferguson Corporation in Lynchburg, Va. He married Diane Hersey.

2. Parker T. Topping graduated from Elon College and is employed by Community Finance Corporation in York County, Va.

3. Wallace H. Topping attended Elon College and is presently employed by the Ferguson Corporation.

4. William Davenport Topping, named after his ancestor, Captain William Davenport who fought in the American Revolution, is a senior at Randolph Macon College.

IV. Jerome Wallace Hogge died young having suffered with a kidney ailment.

This ends the line of descendants of John William and Rosanna Davenport (White) Hogge through 1988.

PART IV

CHAPTER 8 - DAVID DUNCAN WHITE

David Duncan White, known as D.D., was the 12th and final child of John F. and Martha C. White. He spent his youth on the farm but when a young man attended the College of William and Mary for two years. A collection of letters in the possession of this writer contain many interesting bits of news concerning the family and his mother's concern for him.

One of his professors was Lyon G. Tyler, son of Ex-President Tyler by his second wife, previously a Miss Gardner, who was much younger than he.

D.D. did very well in college and was one of few that attended college in those days. He taught school for awhile but after his parents became aged he was left with the main responsibility of maintaining the home and farm.

He married Annie Rebecca Smith on June 24, 1908, the marriage being performed by his father. She was the daughter of John Franklin Smith and Ella (Crockett) Smith. John F. Smith operated the Smith's Marine Railway on Chisman's creek for many years. They resided at the homeplace for awhile then purchased a home in the Dare Community on the corner of what is now the intersection of Railway and Dare Roads.

In 1917-18 a severe influenza epidemic struck the area, causing many deaths. All of the family contacted the disease but they survived. Papa was up and around and went to seek help to tend the sick. He brought back a negro lady but it seems hadn't told her that they had the flu. As he told it, she started into the room and saw the sick and backed out, not taking the time to turn around, exclaiming "Lord Man, you didn't tell me they had the flu."

He purchased the home place, consisting of about 75 acres in 1919. This was one of the most severe winters on record and all of the creeks and rivers were frozen solid, so they loaded their belongings in a tumbrel cart, making several trips, of course, and hauled them to the waters edge and then took the body off the cart, loaded it and slid it across the ice to the Crab Neck (Seaford) side.

D.D. farmed, although my mother often accused him of not being a good farmer. They did have some good years when the common Irish Potato was King in the area. About 1922 he tore down the old original 1 1/2 story home; leaving the two story section that his father built in 1884 and added a large two story section to that. All of the old homes had a separate kitchen, usually connected by a small covered platform. This was moved back in the yard and served as a wash house and a play house for me and my visiting friends.

Since Papa had a good education he worked at many different jobs. He took County census on at least one occasion, he also served as Sheriff of York County for four years and was sheriff during the time of the Sesqui-Centennial in Yorktown in 1931. When Roosevelt's "New Deal" came along he had a very responsible job in Yorktown, involving hiring people for jobs relating to it.

My mother, Annie R. White, unfortunately suffered with nervous problems and had to spend considerable time in a hospital. This caused my father much suffering also in his concern for her. He remarked on several occasions that except for his faith in God and for the love for his children that he would not have been able to face the problems. When she was well she enjoyed life and had many friends. She served a term as head counselor in her lodge, the "Poco-hontas." She was with my father at the time of his death, passing away in his sleep on February 1, 1955.

My wife and I were residing in the little village of Hornsbyville, Va. at this time and on the night before his death, I had a very strong urge to stop by and visit them briefly while on my way to a church meeting. I stopped by and talked with them briefly and went on my way and it was my last visit with him.

The day of the funeral was bitter cold and my wife, Marjorie, who I had never known to be sick, became very ill with a cold, having to stay in bed several days. She was very attached to her father-in-law.

After his death we took Mama on brief visits to see old friends and relatives in such places as Mathews County, Va. She always liked to go, whether it be to church, lodge or to visit friends. She had much concern for others, especially several nieces and nephews whose mothers died when the children were very young. She passed away at Patrick Henry Hospital within a very short time after being visited by family members on Sunday evening, July 19, 1964.

The children of D.D. and Annie Rebecca and their descendants are listed below:

- I. Ora Frances White (b) April 14, 1909 (d) Feb. 20, 1977
- II. David Duncan White, Jr. (b) June 20, 1912 (d) March 14, 1984
- III. Mary Louise White (b) February 7, 1914
- IV. Jesse Edward White (b) November 19, 1919 (d) Jan. 22, 1920
- V. Robert Ellerson White (b) December 26, 1921

I, Ora, to whom this book is dedicated, attended Morrison High School and then Harrisonburg State Teachers College. She taught for several years and married Thomas Calvin Green on June 24, 1931. Calvin was the son of Thomas Franklin Green and his wife Lucy C. (Wroten) Green. He was born Aug. 6, 1909 and died November 15, 1975. His principal occupation was in the purchase and sale of poultry and eggs, of which he made a good livelihood.

Their children and descendants are:

- A. Thomas Calvin Green, Jr. (b) November 28, 1932
- B. David Franklin Green (b) February 3, 1937
- C. Robert Wayne Green (b) January 6, 1942

A. Thomas C. Green, Jr. (Tommy) graduated from Poquoson High School where he was active in sports. He worked in the family egg business until they sold the business several years ago. He is presently employed by the York County School System. Tommy has given his time freely, working with youth football and baseball. He married Sarah Furtada (who was adopted by her stepfather, thus becoming Sarah Lamb. They have four children:

- 1. Frances Marie Green (b) December 13, 1956
- 2. Susan Claire Green (b) August 29, 1960
- 3. Tammy Leigh Green (b) January 31, 1964
- 4. Thomas Douglas Green (b) October 18, 1971

1. Frances Marie Green graduated from Tabb High School in 1975. She is a local mail carrier. She married Robert Stephen Carroll and they have three children:

- a. Jamie Lynn Carroll (b) May 15, 1976
- b. Stephen Joseph Carroll (b) September 5, 1978
- c. Ashley Elizabeth Carroll (b) January 27, 1983

a. Jamie is a 7th grade student at Tabb Intermediate School. She has a good scholastic record and has participated in school sports, primarily basketball and softball.

b. Stephen (Joey) is in the 4th grade at Dare Elementary School. He also has a good scholastic record and plays basketball. He also participates in the York County Recreational League, being an outstanding baseball player.

c. Ashley Elizabeth attends Kindergarten at Dare Elementary School.

2. Susan Claire Green graduated from Tabb High School. She married Steven Hollingsworth (now divorced), they have three sons:

- a. Joshua Steven Hollingsworth (b) July 28, 1981
- b. Jacob Lloyd Hollingsworth (b) June 13, 1984
- c. Justin Reid Hollingsworth (b) Sept. 28, 1985

a. Joshua is in the 2nd grade at Dare Elementary School.

3. Tammy Leigh Green graduated from Tabb High School and from Radford College with Masters Degree in Guidance Counselling. She is employed by Ursinus College in Collegeville, Pennsylvania as assistant director of student activities and associate director of student life.

4. Thomas Douglas Green is a senior at Tabb High School, where he has been active in sports. He won the designated hitter award for 1987-88 in baseball and was a member of the football team that won the High School District Championship team in 1988.

B. David Franklin Green graduated from York High School, where he was active in sports. He is a carpenter contractor and resides in Montross, Va. David married Agnes Rowe from Seaford, Va. and they had one son:

1. Russell Lee (Rusty) Green (b) October 18, 1961. "Rusty" graduated from Washington and Lee High School in Montross, Va. and is employed by The Alliance Fertilizer Company.

B. David and Agnes divorced and he married 2nd Alice Herbert Tucker who has two children by her previous marriage: John Tucker and Beth Tucker.

C. Robert Wayne Green graduated from York High School where he was active in sports. Robert worked in the family business for a while and is presently employed in production control in the Newport News Shipyard. He married Barbara Lanier and they have three children:

1. Cynthia Ann Green (b) August 5, 1963
2. Daniel Wayne Green (b) June 18, 1966
3. Timothy Eugene Green (b) August 3, 1970

1. Cynthia Ann graduated from Tabb High School and Old Dominion University with a degree in special education. She is presently a special education teacher in The Colonial Heights, Virginia school system. She married Mark Allen Willis and they reside in Middlothian, Virginia.

2. Daniel Wayne graduated from Tabb High School where he participated in baseball and golf. He is presently employed as a surveyor's assistant by Talbot and Associates. He has taken special courses in fire-fighting.

3. Timothy Eugene graduated from Tabb High School and is attending Thomas Nelson Community College. He was a member of the golf team and played baseball while in high school. He is employed in the Pro Shop by Ford's Colony, Williamsburg, Va.

Ora Frances (White) Green, mother and grandmother of the above listed children; whose first name translates to "Shore" in Latin, departed her earthly life for a more peaceful shore on Sunday, February 20, 1977.

II - David D. White, Jr. worked in the Sheetmetal Department of The Newport News Shipyard. While working there he started selling life insurance for the "Woodman of the World", taking courses in insurance and became very successful as an agent, working at it full time after his retirement from the Shipyard. He married Althea Elizabeth Dawson and they were the parents of three children:

- A. Muriel Carolyn White (b) June 1, 1935
- B. David Duncan White, III (b) November 23, 1938
- C. Mary Elizabeth White (b) November 9, 1944

A. Muriel Carolyn White graduated from Poquoson High School and in recent years took courses in real estate and is presently employed as a salesperson for Suburban Real Estate Company. She married Frederick D. Hunt, Jr. and they have three children:

1. Carol Dianne Hunt (b) Jan. 25, 1954
2. Amy Lynn Hunt (b) April 17, 1962
3. Frederick D. Hunt, III (b) July 9, 1963

1. Carol Dianne graduated from Poquoson High School. She married Gary Crusenberry and they had a daughter.

a. Amy Michelle Crusenberry (b) November 8, 1975. Michelle is a 6th grade student at Poquoson Middle School where she is a member of the school band. She is also active in the Youth Bowling League.

1. Carol Dianne and Gary divorced and she married 2nd, Michael C. MacDonald, a distant cousin. They have a child:

- b. Sarah Waitlin (b) December 12, 1987

2. Amy Lynn Hunt graduated from Poquoson High School and took courses in computer operations. She married James Christopher Zappos and they have twin sons:

- a. Justin Christopher Zappos (b) April 5, 1985
- b. Jeremy Hunt Zappos (b) April 5, 1985

3. Frederick Hunt, III graduated from Poquoson High School. He is employed by F. D. Hunt Oil Company in Hampton, Va. He married Vallie Lee Taylor and they have one son:

- a. Frederick D. Hunt, IV (b) December 19, 1986
- b. Evan Taylor Hunt (b) June 9, 1989

B. David D. White, III (Dickie) graduated from York High School and has been employed by the York County Schools Department of Transportation for thirty four years. He is single.

C. Mary Elizabeth White attended York High School. She has been employed in recent years as a school bus driver for the York County School System. She married William (Billy) Dye and they had two daughters:

1. Vicki Nanette Dye (b) May 9, 1962
2. Kathy Lynn Dye (b) March 27, 1963

C. Mary and Billy divorced and Mary married 2nd William Thomas Moore who adopted the girls, thereby changing their names to Moore. They have two sons:

3. Timothy Dean Moore (b) January 11, 1967
4. Adam Thomas Moore (b) April 4, 1971

1. Vicki Moore graduated from York High School. She married Mark Concilus on July 25, 1981. They own and operate "Bills Seafood Restaurant" in Grafton, Va. They have two sons:

- a. Patrick Boyd Concilus (b) August 25, 1985
- b. David Alexander Concilus (b) January 22, 1988

2. Kathy Lynn graduated from York High School, and is presently employed by Valeo Automotive, Inc. as a quality inspector. She married James E. Marrs and they have two children:

- a. Joseph Edward Marrs (b) December 16, 1984
- b. Heather Michelle Marrs (b) July 15, 1986

3. Timothy Dean Moore graduated from York High School and is presently employed by Suttle Motor Company in Newport News, Va.

4. Adam Thomas Moore attended York High School and took Vo-Tech Training. He is mechanically inclined and works at a local lawn and garden shop.

III. Mary Louise White graduated from Morrison High School in 1932 and worked for awhile as a clerk at Leggett's Department Store in Newport News, Va. She married Harry D. Riley, who was born September 25, 1912 and died March 8, 1970. Harry was very instrumental in the organization of the York County Fire Department. Two children were born to them:

- A. Judith Anne Riley (b) December 7, 1941 (Pearl Harbor Day)
- B. Harry Daniel Riley, Jr. (b) August 22, 1947

A. Judy attended York High School and is presently employed as a secretary in the maintenance department at Dalgren, Naval Weapons Station. She married James B. Johnson who was born November 4, 1933 and died December 6, 1979. They moved to his home community of Montross, Va. He was a carpenter by trade. Three children were born to them:

1. Debra Anne Johnson (b) January 20, 1961
2. Patricia Anne Johnson (b) January 8, 1964
3. James Bradley Johnson (b) November 2, 1966

1. Debra graduated from Washington & Lee College in Montross, Va. and attended Rappahannock Community College. She is employed as a teller in Signet Bank of Montross and does tax accounting work, part time. She married Rodney W. Jones on August 23, 1980, now divorced, they have a daughter:

- a. Pamela Michelle Jones (b) January 8, 1983
Pamela is a first grade student in Copel Elementary School, Hague, Virginia.

2. Patricia attended Washington & Lee High School and Rappahannock Community College. She is employed by Comptek Research Company as assistant systems analyst. She is married to Gary Allen Jenkins and they have a son:

- a. Thomas Bradley Jenkins (b) September 9, 1988

3. James Bradley graduated from Washington and Lee High School in 1986 and is serving in the U.S. Air Force as an aviation mechanic and stationed at Myrtle Beach, S. C.

B. Harry D. Riley, Jr. (Danny) graduated from Washington and Lee High School in 1967 and attended the Art Institute in Charlottesville, Va. He has been employed at the Dalgren Naval Weapons Station since 1971 as a technical illustrator. Danny has been very involved in community affairs, especially youth recreation leagues and the volunteer fire department. He married Brenda A. Clarke and they have two children:

- a. Allen Daniel Riley (b) December 27, 1972
- b. Lesley Dawn Riley (b) January 12, 1978

a. Allen Daniel attends Washington and Lee High School where he is active in sports, excelling in both football and baseball.

b. Lesley is in the 5th grade at Washington District School, Colonial Beach, Virginia. She is an honor student and active in gymnastics.

IV. Robert E. White, Sr. graduated from Poquoson High School and graduated from The Norfolk Naval Shipyard Apprentice School in 1943. Except for five years active duty in the U.S. Navy, was a Civil Service employee at the Navy Yard and at NASA until entering full time insurance business in 1962. He has served in many capacities in Providence United Methodist Church and is presently a Trustee and Historian. He served for ten years on the York County Bicentennial Committee and as its Chairman in 1976. Robert E. White, Sr. retired from the U.S. Coast Guard Reserve in 1981 as a Commissioned Officer. He is married to Marjorie Sykes of Spring Hope, N.C. and they have three children:

- A. Robert Ellerson White, Jr. (b) June 29, 1944
- B. James Earl White (b) May 4, 1948
- C. Nancy Rebecca White (b) November 26, 1956

A. Robert E. White, Jr. graduated from York High School and from Ferrum and Lynchburg College. He then graduated from Wesley Theological Seminary in Washington, D. C. with a Master's Degree in Theology. He was ordained as a minister in the United Methodist Church and has served several charges in the Conference, being presently assigned to the Rehoboth charge on the Rappahannock District of the Virginia Conference. He married Melissa Jean Howe from Alexandria, Va. and they have two children:

1. Kevin Andrew White (b) November 22, 1976. Kevin is in the sixth grade at Seaford Elementary School, Seaford, Va. He is an Extended student and has been taking advanced courses. His main sport is soccer. His hobby is the study of languages.

2. Deborah Suzanne White (b) June 30, 1979. Deborah is in the fourth grade at Seaford Elementary School, Seaford, Va. and is an honor student and a piano student.

B. James W. White graduated from York High School and attended Ferrum College. He graduated from Hampden-Sidney College in 1970, with a degree in History. He taught and coached football at Churchland, Va. High School for one year and then became an agent of the U.S. Treasury Department. Jimmy has been active in the work of Providence United Methodist Church and with youth sports groups. He is married to Pamela Gayle Lowry from Alexandria, Va. and they have two children:

- 1. James E. White, Jr. (Jaime) (b) August 29, 1971
- 2. Bryon Duncan White (b) April 19, 1977

1. Jaime is a senior at York High School and president of the senior class of 1989 and president of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes. He was a member of the York High Football Team that recently won the 1988 Regional Championship.

2. Bryon, an honor student, is in the sixth grade at Seaford Elementary School, Seaford, Va. and is on the Yearbook Staff. He has been active in sports, excelling in Little League Baseball.

C. Nancy Rebecca White graduated from York High School. She is presently a partner in the White Insurance Agency in Grafton, Va. She married Daniel Ray Wolford and they have two children:

- 1. Angela Dawn Wolford (b) April 9, 1974
- 2. Ashley Elizabeth Wolford (b) July 21, 1979

1. Angela is presently a freshman at York High School. She is a manager for the boys wrestling team and a member of the school track team.

2. Ashley Elizabeth is in the fourth grade at Seaford Elementary School, Seaford, Va. She was a cheer leader in 1988 for the "Seaford Bulldogs" football team.

This ends the line of descendants of David Duncan and Annie Rebecca (Smith) White through 1988.



David Duncan White, Sr.
(picture taken for Wm & Mary College yearbook)

FINAL REMARKS

Homecoming: In August 1959 a family homecoming was held at the old homestead on Chisman's Creek, since that was the 100th anniversary of the property being in the family. It was a very nice affair with many relatives attending. The only surviving children of John French and Martha Cowles White were Aunt Mary Hall, Uncle Johnnie White and Aunt Mattie Handy. Aunt Mattie's health didn't permit her to attend but my mother, Annie (Smith) White and Aunt Bessie White, widow of William B. White were present.

Cowles Hogge and his family arrived by boat, the way it would have been done in 1859, except that it would have been by sail-boat in that day.

A paper had been prepared by Aunt May Hall, giving some family history and interesting tales of years gone by, and Uncle Johnnie wrote a poem for the special occasion. He was 93 years of age at the time and died the following June. This was, therefore, his last visit to his boyhood home. He wrote many poems and even wrote some hymns before and after his retirement from the ministry.

I am happy to state that even though most of the property has been developed and now owned by many people, several of the children and grandchildren of David D. and Annie S. White own and/or reside on portions of the original property purchased by John F. and Martha C. White in 1859.

As previously mentioned, it appears that several good traits were passed on down in the lineage of John and Martha. Basically: Honesty and a quest for learning and to follow the teachings of the Church. Three are known to have become Methodist Ministers, namely John Edward White, Percy D. White and Robert E. White, Jr. Many other descendants have been active in the church, Methodist and other denominations.

William Davenport, John White and possibly other ancestors served in the American Revolution. John A. White, son of the above John served in some capacity in the War of 1812. His son, John French White, served in the Confederate Army. The military lineage was then broken since the sons of John French were too old to serve in WW-I. As mentioned in previous chapters several grandchildren and great grand-children served in WW-II and later.

Family Statistics:

The number of descendants of John French and Martha C. White are as follows: (Those that lived to be at least one year of age.)

Children of John F. and Martha C. White-	10	-	Presently living	0
Grandchildren -----	15	-	" "	6
Great Grandchildren -----	29	-	" "	28
Great-Great Grandchildren -----	64	-	" "	63
Great-Great-Great Grandchildren -----	35	-	" "	35
TOTALS	153			132

GENERATIONS

WHITE (Proven Lineage)

- # Gen. 1 - William and Elizabeth (Bartlett) White
 2 - John and Elizabeth (Davenport) White
 3 - John A. and Martha Washington (James) White
 4 - John French and Martha Cowles (Davis) White
 5 - (A child of John & Martha - Example:
 David D. White, Sr. who married Annie (Smith) White
 6 - David D. White, Jr. who married Althea Elizabeth Dawson
 7 - Muriel Carolyn White (m) Frederick D. Hunt, Jr.
 8 - Frederick D. Hunt III (m) Vallie Lee Taylor
 9 - Evan Taylor Hunt, born June 9, 1989

1 William White, date of birth not known but his oldest son was born in 1750.

DAVIS (Proven Lineage)

- # Gen. 1 - Edward Davis was born in 1738. He married Mary White
 2 - Edward Davis and Amelia (Hudgins) Davis
 3 - Martha Cowles Davis married John French White
 4 - David D. White, Sr. and Annie Rebecca (Smith) White
 5 - David D. White, Jr. (as above)
 6 - Muriel Carolyn (as above)
 7 - Frederick D. Hunt III (as above)
 8 - Evan Taylor Hunt (as above)

Another relative that deserves recognition, who is not a descendant of either John French White or his wife, Martha, but of Martha's sister Lucy Rebecca (Davis) Acree, is Vernon D. Acree, who retired several years ago, after about 30 years of government service, as Chief Customs Officer for the United States of America. His ancestors are interred in Providence Church Cemetary. Shortly before his retirement he spoke at Providence at a Memorial Day Service.

This work has been a labor of love. Many, many hours were spent gathering the information needed to complete it and this writer wishes to thank all of the family members that so willingly assisted me in this endeavor. Compiling this information for those that follow was something that I felt compelled to do, especially since I have spent so many years accumulating the information and didn't want it to die with me.

It is hoped that the descendants of John French and Martha Cowles White will keep their family records up to date and insert pages in the back to list family events, births, marriages, deaths, etc. They should also try to update family records on their spouses while there may still be someone available to pass on the needed information.

R. E. White



The old home place as it appears today. Old section over closed-in porch was built by John F. White in 1884. D.D. White tore down the old 1 1/2 story section and built the two story section in its place in 1922. R.E. White renovated and remodeled in recent years. Country store extreme background.

This appendix has been added to give the reader more family background for those that wish to pursue their lineage. Known family surnames not given in the book in detail are listed below in alphabetical order; giving a brief tie in to either John French White or his wife, Martha Cowles (Davis) White:

Name	Remarks and References
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ALLMAN-HUNLEY-DAVENPORT

ALLMAN (also spelled Allaman, Alman, etc.) Letetia Allman Married Joshua Hunley, the son of Wilkerson Hunley and probably a descendant of Godfrey Hunley (spelled Hundley in the records) who came to this Country on the "Primrose" in July 1635. Ref: John C. Hotten's "Original List of Persons of Quality," 1600-1700. Letetia was probably a descendant of Thomas ALLMAN who received a land grant in K.P. of 52 acres in 1684. Joshua and Letetia were parents of Mary Hunley who married Captain William Davenport and their daughter Elizabeth, married John White who served in the American Revolution. The old marriage certificate reads as follows: "These are to certify that Mr. John White and Miss Elizabeth Davenport were joined together in the holy estate of matrimony agreeable to the rites and ceremonies of the Church of England and the laws of this State, Saturday, March 26, 1791. James McBride, M.K.P., Gloucester Co., Va." Ref: Family Records

BAYSE and Allied Family Names

Edmond Bayse was a French Huguenot, imigrant to this country. He had a son, Issac Bayse who was the father of John Bayse whose daughter, Elizabeth Bayse, married Thomas James, father of Thomas James who was Clerk of Kingston Parish, whose daughter, Martha Washington James married John A. White. Ref: "The Bayse Family in The United States" by Otto Bayse, Kansas City, MO. NOTE: This book also ties in with several other family names, such as Taylor, Vasey, etc. This writer has a chart tying the Vasey line through a long line of male ancestors and finally through "Lady Godiva", granddaughter of King Alfred. I have no positive references to verify the lineage that far back.

FOSTER-HUDGINS

Richard Foster patented 200 acres of land in April 1655 in Gloucester County, VA. He had a son, John, who married Mary, probably the daughter of Abraham Forrest and they had a son, John Foster, Jr. who married Rosanna (maiden name unknown). They had a daughter, one of nine children, Amelia Foster, born October 9, 1760 who married John (Noble) Hudgins who was a son of Perrin Hudgins and his wife, Sarah (Minter) Hudgins. Perrin Hudgins was a son of G. Hudgins, his name is believed to have been "George". Sarah Minter appears to have been a daughter of Anthony Minter. Ref: Mathews County Tax Records.

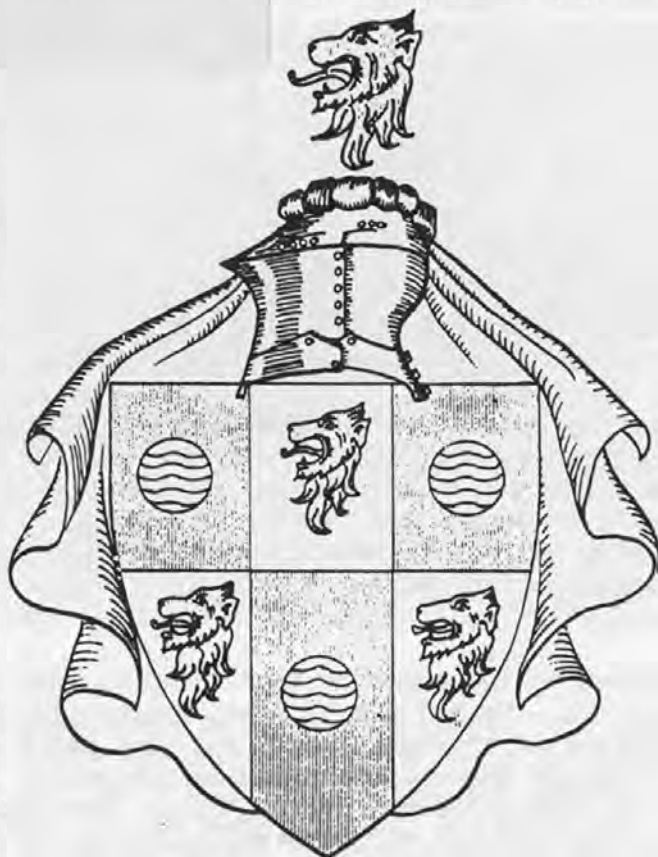
~~This~~ This should read: Their daughter Mary Diggs Hudgins married Jesse Hudgins - - - -

JAMES and related family names

Mrs. J. W. Ironmonger's "Thomas James, Ancestry and Descendants 1653-1961", covers the James Family Line from the immigrant, Walter James. Martha Washington James who married John A. White was a descendent of Walter James and the daughter of Thomas James, Clerk of Kingston Parish and his wife, Betty Davis, daughter of Thomas Davis and his wife Hillegan whose maiden names was Degge. It is very possible that she descended from John Degge who patented 1800 acres in K.P. in 1678.

The above names represent only a fraction of our acnestors, unknown to us since each individual descends, within 10 generations, from 1,024 individuals. ~~due~~ due to cross ancestry, that is from marriages between related individuals. It is a pity that our ancestors didn't keep better family records. Even in Old Testament Times, records, mostly oral, mentioned who begat who for generations.

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* Not as many people would be involved in cases involving cross ancestry - - - - -



One of several Coat-Of-Arms used by
Crusaders bearing the name of White